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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

#### 92nd CONGRESS—111th CONGRESS

#### **DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS\***

#### COMMITTEE SERVICE

1.	Talmadge, Herman E. (Georgia)	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1981
2.	Randolph, Jennings (West Virginia)	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1985
3.	Hartke, Vance <sup>1</sup> (Indiana)	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1977
4.	Hughes, Harold E. (Iowa)	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1975
5.	Cranston, Alan <sup>2</sup> (California)	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 4, 1993
6.	Stone, Richard (Dick) (Florida)	Jan. 17, 1975–Dec. 31, 1980
7.	Durkin, John A. (New Hampshire)	Sept. 19, 1975–Dec. 29, 1980
8.	Matsunaga, Spark M. (Hawaii)	Feb. 11, 1977–Apr. 15, 1990
9.	DeConcini, Dennis (Arizona)	Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 4, 1995
10.	Mitchell, George J. (Maine)	Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 4, 1995
11.	ROCKEFELLER, JOHN D., IV <sup>3</sup> (West Virginia)	
12.	Graham, Bob (Florida)	Jan. 6, 1987–Jan. 4, 2005
13.	AKAKA, DANIEL K.4 (Hawaii)	May 16, 1990–present
14.	Daschle, Thomas A. (South Dakota)	
15.	Campbell, Ben Nighthorse <sup>5</sup> (Colorado)	Jan. 21, 1993–Mar. 23, 1995
16.	Dorgan, Byron L. (North Dakota)	Jan. 5, 1995–Dec. 29, 1995
17.	Wellstone, Paul <sup>6</sup> (Minnesota)	
18.	MURRAY, PATTY (Washington)	
19.	Miller, Zell (Georgia)	
20.	Jeffords, James M. <sup>7</sup> (I), (Vermont)	June 29, 2001–present
21.	Nelson, E. Benjamin (Nebraska)	Jan. 25, 2001–Jan. 4, 2005
22.	Obama, Barack 8 (Illinois)	Jan. 6, 2005–Nov. 16, 2008
23.	Salazar, Ken (Colorado)	Jan. 6, 2005–Jan. 12, 2007
24.	SANDERS, BERNARD (Vermont)	, I
25.	BROWN, SHERROD (Ohio)	
26.	WEBB, JAMES (Virginia)	Jan. 12, 2007–present
27.	TESTER, JON (Montana)	, I
28.	BEGICH, MARK (Alaska)	
29.	BURRIS, ROLAND W. (Illinois)	
30.	SPECTER, ARLEN <sup>9</sup> (Pennsylvania)	May 5, 2009–present

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Chairman, Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1977.

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92nd Congress, 1971 and 1972, 1st and 2nd sessions.	102nd Congress, 1991 and 1992, 1st and 2nd sessions.
93rd Congress, 1973 and 1974, 1st and 2nd sessions.	103rd Congress, 1993 and 1994, 1st and 2nd sessions.
94th Congress, 1975 and 1976, 1st and 2nd sessions.	104th Congress, 1995 and 1996, 1st and 2nd sessions.
95th Congress, 1977 and 1978, 1st and 2nd sessions.	105th Congress, 1997 and 1998, 1st and 2nd sessions.
96th Congress, 1979 and 1980, 1st and 2nd sessions.	106th Congress, 1999 and 2000, 1st and 2nd sessions.
97th Congress, 1981 and 1982, 1st and 2nd sessions.	107th Congress, 2001 and 2002, 1st and 2nd sessions.
98th Congress, 1983 and 1984, 1st and 2nd sessions.	108th Congress, 2003 and 2004, 1st and 2nd sessions.
99th Congress, 1985 and 1986, 1st and 2nd sessions.	109th Congress, 2005 and 2006, 1st and 2nd sessions.
100th Congress, 1987 and 1988, 1st and 2nd sessions.	110th Congress, 2007 and 2008, 1st and 2nd sessions.
101st Congress, 1989 and 1990, 1st and 2nd sessions.	111th Congress, 2009 and 2010, 1st and 2nd sessions.

<sup>\*</sup>Senators serving in the 111th Congress are shown in capital letters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Temporary Chairman, Jan. 10, 1977–Feb. 11, 1977; Chairman, Feb. 11, 1977–Jan. 4, 1981; Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 5, 1987; and Chairman, Jan. 6, 1987-Jan. 4, 1993.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Chairman, Jan. 4, 1993–Jan. 4, 1995; Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 5, 1995–present. <sup>4</sup> Ranking Member, Jan. 6, 2005–Jan. 12, 2007; Chairman, Jan. 12, 2007–present.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Changed party affiliation effective Mar. 3, 1995.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Senator Wellstone passed away on Oct. 25, 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Changed party affiliation effective June 6, 2001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Resigned Nov. 16, 2008 after having been elected United States President on Nov. 4, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Changed party affiliation effective April 28, 2009.

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

#### 92nd CONGRESS—111th CONGRESS

#### **REPUBLICAN MEMBERS\***

#### COMMITTEE SERVICE

1.	Thurmond, Strom <sup>1</sup> (South Carolina)	
2.	Hansen, Clifford P. <sup>2</sup> (Wyoming)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
3.	Cook, Marlow W. (Kentucky)	
4.	Stevens, Ted (Alaska)	
5.	Stafford, Robert T.3 (Vermont)	
6.	Saxbe, William B. (Ohio)	Feb. 23, 1972–Jan. 12, 1973
7.	McClure, James A. (Idaho)	Jan. 12, 1973–Jan. 23, 1975
8.	Scott, William L. (Virginia)	Jan. 23, 1975–Sept. 19, 1975
9.	Simpson, Alan K. <sup>4</sup> (Wyoming)	Jan. 23, 1979–Jan. 2, 1997
10.	Humphrey, Gordon J. (New Hampshire)	Jan. 23, 1979–Jan. 5, 1981
11.	Kasten, Bob (Wisconsin)	
12.	Denton, Jeremiah <sup>5</sup> (Alabama)	5, 1981–Jan. 2, 1983; Feb. 15, 1983–Jan. 5, 1987
13.	Murkowski, Frank H. <sup>6</sup> (Alaska)	
14.	SPECTER, ARLEN 7 (Pennsylvania)	Jan. 5, 1981–April 28, 2009
15.	Boschwitz, Rudy (Minnesota)	Feb. 15, 1983–Jan. 5, 1987
16.	Jeffords, James M.8 (Vermont)	
17.	Brown, Hank (Colorado)	
18.	Craig, Larry E. <sup>9</sup> (Idaho)	
19.	Campbell, Ben Nighthorse 10 (Colorado)	
20.	Hutchinson, Tim (Arkansas)	
21.	Hutchison, Kay Bailey (Texas)	
22.	Bunning, Jim (Kentucky)	
23.	Ensign, John (Nevada)	
24.	GRAHAM, LINDSEY O. (South Carolina)	
25.	Murkowski, Lisa (Alaska)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
26.	BURR, RICHARD 11 (North Carolina)	
27.	Thune, John (South Dakota)	
28.	ISAKSON, JOHNNY (Georgia)	
29.	WICKER, ROGER F. (Mississippi)	
30.	JOHANNS, MIKE (Nebraska)	
31.	BROWN, SCOTT P.12 (Massachusetts)	
32.	KIRK, MARK <sup>13</sup> (Illinois)	Dec. 7, 2010–present

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ranking Member, Jan. 29, 1971–Jan. 12, 1973; Jan. 26, 1978–Mar. 22, 1978.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ranking Member, Jan. 12, 1973–Feb. 22, 1977.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ranking Member, Feb. 22, 1977–Jan. 26, 1978; Mar. 22, 1978–Jan. 25, 1979.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ranking Member, Jan. 25, 1979–Jan. 5, 1981; Chairman, Jan. 5, 1981–Mar. 5, 1985; and Chairman, Jan. 5, 1995–Jan. 2, 1997.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Served two separate terms

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Chairman, Mar. 5, 1985–Jan. 5, 1987; and Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 6, 1987–Jan. 2, 1991; Jan. 4, 1993–present.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Ranking Member, Mar. 19, 1991–Jan. 4, 1993; June 6, 2001–Jan. 15, 2003; Chairman, Jan. 9, 1997–July 10, 2001; Jan. 15, 2003–Jan. 6, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Changed party affiliation effective June 6, 2001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Chairman, Jan. 15, 2005–Jan. 4, 2006; Ranking Member Jan. 12, 2007–Sept. 11, 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Changed party affiliation effective Mar. 3, 1995.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Ranking Member, Sept. 11, 2007–present.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Sworn into office on Feb. 4, 2010, to fill the unexpired term of Senator Ted Kennedy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Sworn into office on Dec. 7, 2010.

<sup>\*</sup>Senators serving during the 111th Congress are shown in capital letters.

#### 92nd CONGRESS, 1971 and 1972

The 92nd Congress convened on January 21, 1971.

On January 28, 1971, S. Res. 16, as adopted, assigned the majority members as follows: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Vance Hartke (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, and Alan Cranston.

On January 29, 1971, S. Res. 20, as adopted, assigned the minority members as follows: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Strom Thurmond (Ranking Minority Member), Clifford P. Hansen, Marlow W. Cook, and Ted Stevens.

At the Committee's first organizational meeting (executive session), dated February 3, 1971, the following Subcommittees were established (Chairman and Ranking Minority Member are ex officio members of all Subcommittees):

- (1) Compensation and Pensions: Herman E. Talmadge (Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, Clifford P. Hansen, and Strom Thurmond.
- (2) Health and Hospitals: Alan Cranston (Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, Strom Thurmond, and Clifford P Hansen
- (3) Housing and Insurance: Harold E. Hughes (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Marlow W. Cook, and Ted Stevens.
- (4) Readjustment, Education, and Employment: Vance Hartke (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Ted Stevens, and Marlow W. Cook.

Senator Ted Stevens' service to the Committee terminated on September 21, 1971, and Senator Robert T. Stafford's service to the Committee commenced on September 21, 1971 (S. Res. 170).

Senator Stafford became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment and a member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance.

Senator Marlow W. Cook's service to the Committee terminated on February 23, 1972, and Senator William B. Saxbe's service to the Committee commenced February 23, 1972 (S. Res. 261).

Senator Saxbe became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

#### 93rd CONGRESS, 1973 and 1974

The 93rd Congress convened on January 3, 1973.

On January 12, 1973, Senator Clifford P. Hansen became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Strom Thurmond.

Senator William B. Saxbe's service to the Committee terminated on January 12, 1973, and Senator James A. McClure's service to the Committee commenced on January 12, 1973 (S. Res. 16).

Senator McClure became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

The organizational meeting (executive session) was held on January 29, 1973.

Senator Harold E. Hughes' service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1975.

#### 94th CONGRESS, 1975 and 1976

The 94th Congress convened on January 14, 1975.

Senator Richard (Dick) Stone was appointed to the Committee on January 17, 1975 (S. Res. 18), replacing Senator Harold E. Hughes. Senator James A. McClure's service to the Committee terminated

Senator James A. McClure's service to the Committee terminated on January 23, 1975, and Senator William L. Scott's service to the Committee commenced on January 23, 1975 (S. Res. 24).

The organizational meeting (executive session) was held on January 28, 1975.

Senator Stone became the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions and Subcommittee on Health and Hospitals.

Senator Scott of Virginia became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

Senator John A. Durkin's service to the Committee commenced on September 19, 1975 (S. Res. 259).

Senator Scott's service to the Committee terminated on September 19, 1975 (S. Res. 263).

An organizational meeting (executive session) was held on December 9, 1975.

Senator Vance Hartke was added to the Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions.

Senator Durkin was added to the Subcommittee on Health and Hospitals.

Senator Hartke and Senator Hansen were added to the Sub-committee on Housing and Insurance.

Senator Durkin and Senator Thurmond were added to the Sub-committee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

Senator Durkin became Chairman of the newly established Subcommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits. The membership of this Subcommittee also included Senators Hartke, Talmadge, Randolph, Hansen (Ranking Minority Member), and Stafford.

Senator Vance Hartke's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1977.

#### 95th CONGRESS, 1977 and 1978

The 95th Congress convened on January 4, 1977.

On January 10, 1977, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, assigning Senator Alan Cranston as temporary Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with all subcommittees considered de novo.

On February 11, 1977, Senator Cranston became Chairman when the Senate adopted S. Res. 84. This resolution also assigned Senator Spark M. Matsunaga to the Committee.

On February 22, 1977, the Senate adopted S. Res. 90, assigning Senator Robert T. Stafford to the position of Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Clifford P. Hansen.

On March 2, 1977, an organizational meeting was held and a new Subcommittee structure (Chairman and Ranking Minority Member are ex officio nonvoting members of all Subcommittees) was adopted. The agreed on assignments were as follows:

- (1) Compensation and Pension: Herman E. Talmadge (Chairman), Spark M. Matsunaga (Vice Chairman), Jennings Randolph, John A. Durkin, Clifford P. Hansen, and Robert T. Stafford.
- (2) Health and Readjustment: Alan Cranston (Chairman), John A. Durkin (Vice Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Richard (Dick) Stone, Strom Thurmond, and Clifford P. Hansen.
- (3) Housing, Insurance, and Cemeteries: Richard (Dick) Stone (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Spark M. Matsunaga, Robert T. Stafford, and Strom Thurmond.

On January 26, 1978, Senator Strom Thurmond became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Robert T. Stafford.

On March 22, 1978, Senator Robert T. Stafford became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Strom Thurmond.

Senator Clifford P. Hansen's service to the Committee terminated on December 31, 1978.

#### 96th CONGRESS, 1979 and 1980

The 96th Congress convened on January 15, 1979.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 21, which increased the membership of the Committee from nine to ten.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 22, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 96th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party's membership on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Talmadge, Randolph, Stone, Durkin, and Matsunaga.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 23, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 96th Congress. The minority party's membership on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senators Stafford (Ranking Minority Member), Thurmond, Simpson, and Humphrey.

On January 25, 1979, Senator Alan K. Simpson became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Robert T. Stafford.

The services of Senators John A. Durkin and Richard (Dick) Stone to the Committee terminated on December 29 and 31, 1980, respectively.

Senator Herman E. Talmadge's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1981.

#### 97th CONGRESS, 1981 and 1982

The 97th Congress convened on January 5, 1981, and adopted S. Res. 13, which increased the membership of the Committee from ten to twelve.

On January 5, 1981, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 97th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Stafford, Kasten, Denton, Murkowski, and Specter.

On January 5, 1981, the Senate adopted S. Res. 15, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 97th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Randolph, Matsunaga, DeConcini, and Mitchell.

On January 30, 1981, an organizational meeting was held.

The services of Senators Bob Kasten and Jeremiah Denton to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1983.

#### 98th CONGRESS, 1983 and 1984

The 98th Congress convened on January 3, 1983.

On January 3, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 8, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 98th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Stafford, Murkowski, and Specter.

On January 3, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 9, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 98th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Randolph, Matsunaga, DeConcini, and Mitchell.

On February 1, 1983, an organizational meeting was held.

On February 15, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 65, with the following additional majority party appointments on the Committee: Senators Denton and Boschwitz.

Senator Jennings Randolph's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1985.

#### 99th CONGRESS, 1985 and 1986

The 99th Congress convened on January 3, 1985.

On March 5, 1985, the Senate adopted S. Res. 87, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 99th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, and Rockefeller.

On March 5, 1985, the Senate adopted S. Res. 89, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 99th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Simpson, Thurmond, Stafford, Specter, Denton, and Boschwitz.

The services of Senators Jeremiah Denton and Rudy Boschwitz to the Committee terminated on January 5, 1987.

#### 100th CONGRESS, 1987 and 1988

The 100th Congress convened on January 6, 1987.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which decreased the membership of the Committee from 12 to 11.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 19, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 100th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, and Graham.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 100th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Stafford, and Specter.

Senator Robert T. Stafford's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1989.

#### 101st CONGRESS, 1989 and 1990

The 101st Congress convened on January 3, 1989.

On February 2, 1989, the Senate adopted S. Res. 46, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 101st Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, and Graham.

On February 2, 1989, the Senate adopted S. Res. 47, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 101st Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Specter, and Jeffords.

Senator Spark M. Matsunaga's service to the Committee terminated on April 15, 1990.

On May 16, 1990, Senator Daniel K. Akaka replaced Senator Spark M. Matsunaga.

#### 102nd CONGRESS, 1991 and 1992

The 102nd Congress convened on January 3, 1991.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 85, which increased the membership of the Committee from 11 to 12.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 86, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 102nd Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, and Daschle.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 88, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 102nd Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Murkowski, and Jeffords.

Senator Alan Cranston's service to the Committee terminated on January 4, 1993.

#### 103rd CONGRESS, 1993 and 1994

The 103rd Congress convened on January 5, 1993.

On January 21, 1993, the Senate adopted S. Res. 19, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 103rd Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), DeConcini, Mitchell, Graham, Akaka, Daschle, and Campbell.

On January 21, 1993, the Senate adopted S. Res. 22, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 103rd Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Thurmond, Simpson, Specter, and Jeffords.

The services of Senators George J. Mitchell, Dennis DeConcini, and Thomas A. Daschle terminated on January 4, 1995.

#### 104th CONGRESS, 1995 and 1996

The 104th Congress convened on January 4, 1995.

On January 5, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 33, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 104th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Specter, Jeffords, Brown, and Craig.

On January 5, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 32, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 104th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Campbell, and Dorgan.

On March 23, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 93, which made changes to the majority appointments. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell replaced Senator Hank Brown.

Senator Paul Wellstone's service to the Committee commenced on March 27, 1995 (S. Res. 95).

On December 29, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 206, which made changes to the minority appointments. Senator Patty Murray replaced Senator Byron L. Dorgan.

#### 105th CONGRESS, 1997 and 1998

The 105th Congress convened on January 7, 1997.

On January 9, 1997, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 105th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

On January 9, 1997, the Senate adopted S. Res. 12, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 105th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

The service of Senators Alan K. Simpson terminated on January 2, 1997.

#### 106th CONGRESS, 1999 and 2000

The 106th Congress convened on January 6, 1999.

On January 7, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 13, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 106th Congress. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter, Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

On January 7, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 15, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 106th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray. On March 2, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 55, which made majority and minority party appointments to Senate Committees for the 106th Congress and designated chairmen of such committees. The appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

#### 107th CONGRESS, 2001 and 2002

The 107th Congress convened on January 3, 2001.

The make up of the Senate at the outset of the 107th Congress was a 50–50 split with the deciding vote being cast by the President of the Senate. The majority was therefore held by the Democrats until the inauguration on January 20, 2001.

On January 3, 2001 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7, which designated the chairman to the Senate committees for the 108th Congress until January 20, 2001. The designee as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senator Rockefeller (Chairman).

On January 25, 2001 the majority leader Senator Lott entered into the record the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Specter, Murkowski, Thurmond, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and T. Hutchinson.

On January 25, 2001 the minority leader Senator Daschle entered into the record the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller, and Nelson (NE).

On February 7, 2001, the Senate adopted S. Res. 7, as amended, in which Sec. 2 designated the chairman to the Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The designee as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senator Specter (Chairman).

On June 6, 2001, Senator Jeffords switched party affiliation from the Republican to the Independent party. This switch changed the majority and the minority status of the Senate. Within the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs Jeffords switch left the minority (Republican) party appointees as follows:

Senator Specter, Murkowski, Thurmond, Campbell, Craig, and T. Hutchinson.

On July 10, 2001, the majority leader Senator Daschle entered into the record the majority party appointments, as authorized by S. Res. 120 agreed upon on June 29, 2001, to Senate Committees for the 107th Congress and designated chairman of such committees. The majority appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Rockefeller (Chairman), Graham, Jeffords (I), Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller, and Nelson.

On July 17, 2001, the minority party appointed Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, as authorized by S. Res. 120 agreed upon on June 29, 2001.

Senator Paul Wellstone from Minnesota passed away on October 25, 2002. The majority party did not appoint a new member to the Senate committee before the end of the Congress.

#### 108th CONGRESS, 2003 and 2004

The 108th Congress convened on January 7, 2003.

On January 15, 2003, the Senate adopted S. Res. 18, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 108th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, Bunning, Ensign, Graham, and Murkowski.

On January 15, 2003, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 108th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Graham (Ranking Minority Member), Rockefeller, Jeffords, Akaka, Murray, Miller, and Nelson.

#### 109th CONGRESS, 2005 and 2006

The 109th Congress convened on January 4, 2005.

On January 6, 2005, the Senate adopted S. Res. 5, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 109th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Craig (Chairman), Specter, Hutchison, Graham, Burr, Ensign, Thune, and Isakson.

On January 6, 2005, the Senate adopted S. Res. 6, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 109th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Akaka (Ranking Member), Rockefeller, Jeffords, Murray, Obama, and Salazar.

The services of Senators Bob Graham, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Zell Miller, E. Benjamin Nelson, Jim Bunning, and Lisa Murkowski terminated on January 4, 2005.

#### 110th CONGRESS, 2007 and 2008

The 110th Congress convened on January 4, 2007.

On January 12, 2007, the Senate adopted S. Res. 27, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 110th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Akaka (Chairman), Rockefeller, Murray, Obama, Sanders, Brown, Webb, and Tester.

On January 12, 2007, the Senate adopted S. Res. 28, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 110th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Craig (Ranking Member), Specter, Burr, Isakson, Graham, Hutchison, and Ensign.

On September 11, 2007, the Senate adopted S. Res. 317, which made the minority party's appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress:

Senators Burr (Ranking Member), Specter, Craig, Isakson, Graham, Hutchison, and Ensign.

On January 24, 2008, the Senate adopted S. Res. 425, which made the minority party's appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress:

Senators Burr (Ranking Member), Specter, Craig, Isakson, Graham, Hutchison, and Wicker.

#### 111th CONGRESS, 2009 and 2010

The 111th Congress convened on January 6, 2009.

On January 21, 2009, the Senate adopted S. Res. 18, which made majority appointments to Senate committees for the 111th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Akaka (Chairman), Rockefeller, Murray, Sanders, Brown, Webb, Tester, Begich, and Burris.

On January 21, 2009, the Senate adopted S. Res. 19, which made minority appointments to Senate committees for the 111th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Burr (Ranking Member), Specter, Isakson, Wicker, Johanns, and Graham.

On April 28, 2009, Senator Arlen Specter switched party affiliation from the Republican to the Democratic party.

On May 5, 2009, the Senate adopted S. Res. 130, which made the majority party's appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the remainder of the 111th Congress:

Senators Akaka (Chairman), Rockefeller, Murray, Sanders, Brown, Webb, Tester, Begich, Burris, and Specter.

On January 19, 2010, Senator Scott Brown was elected to the United States Senate to fill the term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy.

On March 2, 2010, the Senate adopted S. Res. 429, which made minority party's appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the remainder of the 111th Congress:

Senators Burr (Ranking Member), Isakson, Wicker, Johanns, Brown, and Graham.

On December 7, 2010, the Senate adopted S. Res. 696, which made the minority party's appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the remainder of the 111th Congress:

Senators Burr (Ranking Member), Isakson, Wicker, Johanns, Brown, Graham, and Kirk.

# LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

#### LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION

EXTRACT FROM RULE XXV OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:
  - \* \* \* \* \*
- (p) Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:
  - 1. Compensation of veterans.
- 2. Life insurance issued by the Government on account of service in the Armed Forces.
  - 3. National cemeteries.
  - 4. Pensions of all wars of the United States, general and special.
  - 5. Readjustment of servicemen to civil life.
  - 6. Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief.
  - 7. Veterans' hospitals, medical care and treatment of veterans.
  - 8. Veterans' measures generally.
  - 9. Vocational rehabilitation and education of veterans.

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## RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

#### 111TH CONGRESS

- I. MEETINGS—(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The Chairman may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as deemed necessary.
- (b) Except as provided in subparagraphs (b) and (d) of paragraph 5 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The Committee shall prepare and keep a complete transcript or electronic recording adequate to fully record the proceedings of each meeting whether or not such meeting or any part thereof is closed to the public.
- (c) The Chairman of the Committee, or the Ranking Majority Member present in the absence of the Chairman, or such other Member as the Chairman may designate, shall preside at all meetings.
- (d) Except as provided in rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no meeting of the Committee shall be scheduled except by majority vote of the Committee or by authorization of the Chairman of the Committee.
- (e) The Committee shall notify the office designated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the time, place, and purpose

- of each meeting. In the event such meeting is canceled, the Committee shall immediately notify such designated office.
- (f) Written or electronic notice of a Committee meeting, accompanied by an agenda enumerating the items of business to be considered, shall be sent to all Committee members at least 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) in advance of each meeting. In the event that the giving of such 72-hour notice is prevented by unforeseen requirements or Committee business, the Committee staff shall communicate notice by the quickest appropriate means to members or appropriate staff assistants of Members and an agenda shall be furnished prior to the meeting.
- (g) Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless a written copy of such amendment has been delivered to each member of the Committee at least 24 hours before the meeting at which the amendment is to be proposed. This paragraph may be waived by a majority vote of the members and shall apply only when 72-hour written notice has been provided in accordance with paragraph (f).
- II. QUORUMS—(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), eight members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting or approving of any measure or matter or recommendation. Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting any other business.
- (b) In order to transact any business at a Committee meeting, at least one member of the minority shall be present. If, at any meeting, business cannot be transacted because of the absence of such a member, the matter shall lay over for a calendar day. If the presence of a minority member is not then obtained, business may be transacted by the appropriate quorum.
- (c) One member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of receiving testimony.
- III. VOTING—(a) Votes may be cast by proxy. A proxy shall be written and may be conditioned by personal instructions. A proxy shall be valid only for the day given.
- (b) There shall be a complete record kept of all Committee action. Such record shall contain the vote cast by each member of the Committee on any question on which a roll call vote is requested.
- IV. HEARINGS AND HEARING PROCEDURES—(a) Except as specifically otherwise provided, the rules governing meetings shall govern hearings.
- (b) At least 1 week in advance of the date of any hearing, the Committee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to make public announcements of the date, place, time, and subject matter of such hearing.
- (c) The Committee shall require each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing to file 40 copies of such witness's testimony with the Committee not later than 48 hours prior to the witness's scheduled appearance unless the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member determine there is good cause for failure to do so.

# LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS—Continued

#### 111TH CONGRESS—Continued

- (d) The presiding member at any hearing is authorized to limit the time allotted to each witness appearing before the Committee.
- (e) The Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, is authorized to subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, records, and any other materials. If the Chairman or a Committee staff member designated by the Chairman has not received from the Ranking Minority Member or a Committee staff member designated by the Ranking Minority Member notice of the Ranking Minority Member's nonconcurrence in the subpoena within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) of being notified of the Chairman's intention to subpoena attendance or production, the Chairman is authorized following the end of the 48-hour period involved to subpoena the same without the Ranking Minority Member's concurrence. Regardless of whether a subpoena has been concurred in by the Ranking Minority Member, such subpoena may be authorized by vote of the Members of the Committee. When the Committee or Chairman authorizes a subpoena, the subpoena may be issued upon the signature of the Chairman or of any other member of the Committee designated by the Chairman.
- (f) Except as specified in Committee Rule VII (requiring oaths, under certain circumstances, at hearings to confirm Presidential nominations), witnesses at hearings will be required to give testimony under oath whenever the presiding member deems such to be advisable.
- V. MEDIA COVERAGE—Any Committee meeting or hearing which is open to the public may be covered by television, radio, and print media. Photographers, reporters, and crew members using mechanical recording, filming or broadcasting devices shall position and use their equipment so as not to interfere with the seating, vision, or hearing of the Committee members or staff or with the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing. The presiding member of the meeting or hearing may for good cause terminate, in whole or in part, the use of such mechanical devices or take such other action as the circumstances and the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing may warrant.
- VI. GENERAL—All applicable requirements of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall govern the Committee.
- VII. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS—(a) Each Presidential nominee whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation and referred to this Committee shall submit a statement of his or her background and financial interests, including the financial interests of his or her spouse and of children living in the nominee's household, on a form approved by the Committee which shall be sworn to as to its completeness and accuracy. The Committee form shall be in two parts—
  - (A) information concerning employment, education, and background of the nominee which generally relates to the position to which the individual is nominated, and which is to be made public; and
  - (B) information concerning the financial and other background of the nominee, to be made public when the Committee determines that such information bears directly on the nominee's qualifications to hold the position to which the individual is nominated.

Committee action on a nomination, including hearings or a meeting to consider a motion to recommend confirmation, shall not be initiated until at least five days after the nominee submits the form required by this rule unless the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, waives this waiting period.

(b) At any hearing to confirm a Presidential nomination, the testimony of the nominee and, at the request of any Member, any other witness shall be under oath.

- VIII. NAMING OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES—It is the policy of the Committee that no Department of Veterans Affairs facility shall be named after any individual unless—
  - (A) such individual is deceased and was-
  - (1) a veteran who (i) was instrumental in the construction or the operation of the facility to be named, or (ii) was a recipient of the Medal of Honor or, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, otherwise performed military service of an extraordinarily distinguished character;
  - (2) a member of the United States House of Representatives or Senate who had a direct association with such facility;
  - (3) an Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, a Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a Secretary of Defense or of a service branch, or a military or other Federal civilian official of comparable or higher rank; or
  - (4) an individual who, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, performed outstanding service for veterans;
  - (B) each member of the Congressional delegation representing the State in which the designated facility is located has indicated in writing such member's support of the proposal to name such facility after such individual; and
  - (C) the pertinent State department or chapter of each Congressionally chartered veterans' organization having a national membership of at least 500,000 has indicated in writing its support of such proposal.
- IX. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES—The rules of the Committee may be changed, modified, amended, or suspended at any time, provided, however, that no less than a majority of the entire membership so determine at a regular meeting with due notice, or at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. The rules governing quorums for reporting legislative matters shall govern rules changes, modification, amendments, or suspension.

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Sponsor: Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.

S. 226 Jan. 13, 2009

Sponsor: Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]-1/13/2009\*

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Havre, Montana, as the Merril Lundman Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

S. 239 Jan. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

Cosponsor(s): Gregg, Judd [R-NH]-1/14/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.

S. 246 Jan. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Durbin, Richard [D-IL]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 252 Jan. 15, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—1/30/2009; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—1/22/2009; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—7/30/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—8/3/2009; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—1/15/2009\*; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—10/20/2009; Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—8/4/2009; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]—10/21/2009; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—1/15/2009\*; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—11/10/2009; Vitter, David [R-LA]—2/12/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

Jan. 15, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

July 24, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111–60.

July 24, 2009—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 128.

S. 263 Jan. 15, 2009

Sponsor: Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

Cosponsor(s): Burris, Roland [D-IL]—4/22/2009; Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]—1/15/2009\*; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—3/24/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

S. 315 Jan. 26, 2009

Sponsor: Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

Cosponsor(s): Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]—2/24/2010; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—1/26/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 347 Jan. 29, 2009

Sponsor: Ensign, John [R-NV]

Cosponsor(s): Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]—1/29/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to distinguish between the severity of a qualifying loss of a dominant hand and a qualifying loss of a non-dominant hand for purposes of traumatic injury protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 362 Jan. 30, 2009

Sponsor: Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—1/30/2009\*; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—3/3/2010; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—6/15/2010; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—9/13/2010; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—1/30/2009\*; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—3/8/2010; Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]—3/15/2010; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—1/30/2009\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—4/13/2010; Webb, Jim [D-VA]—1/30/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 402 Feb. 10, 2009

Sponsor: Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—2/10/2009\*; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—2/10/2009\*; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—2/10/2009\*; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—2/10/2009\*

A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

S. 404 Feb. 10, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Burris, Roland [D-IL]-2/10/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.

S. 407 Feb. 10, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—2/10/2009\*; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—2/10/2009\*; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—2/10/2009\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—2/10/2009\*; Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]—2/10/2009\*; Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—2/10/2009\*; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—2/10/2009\*; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—2/24/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—3/18/2009; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—2/10/2009\*; Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]—2/10/2009\*; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—2/10/2009\*; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—5/6/2009; Specter, Arlen [R-PA]—2/10/2009\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—2/10/2009\*; Webb, Jim [D-VA]—2/10/2009\*; Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]—2/10/2009\*

A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Feb. 10, 2009—Introduced in the Senate.

June 4, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 111–24.

June 10, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. June 23, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 403–0 (Roll No. 419).

June 23, 2009—Cleared for White House.

June 25, 2009—Presented to President.

June 30, 2009—Signed by President.

June 30, 2009—Became Public Law No: 111-37.

S. 423 Feb. 12, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—3/18/2009; Begich, Mark [D-AK]—2/12/2009\*; Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]—5/20/2009; Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]—4/27/2009; Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]—2/12/2009\*; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—2/12/2009\*; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—4/28/2009; Brownback, Sam [R-KS]—5/6/2009; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—2/12/2009\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—3/19/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—7/31/2009; Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]—

6/24/2009; Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]—3/30/2009; Coburn, Tom [R-OK]—3/11/2009; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—4/22/2009; Corker, Bob [R-TN]-4/20/2009; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]-5/20/2009; Ensign, John [R-NV]-3/10/2009; Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]-2/ 12/2009\*; Franken, Al [D-MN]—7/30/2009; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—7/6/2009; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—5/4/2009; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]—3/30/2009; Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—2/25/2009; Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—3/9/2009; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—5/21/2009; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]-2/12/2009\*; Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]-8/3/2009; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—3/11/2009; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]-4/29/2009; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]-2/12/2009\*; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]-2/12/2009\*; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]-4/20/2009; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]-4/28/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—3/3/2009; Martinez, Mel [R-FL]—7/6/2009; McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]-4/22/2009; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]-2/12/2009\*; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—4/2/2009; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—2/12/2009\*; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—4/22/2009; Nelson, E. Benjamin [D-NE]-4/29/2009; Reed, Jack [D-RI]-6/10/ 2009; Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]-2/12/2009\*; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]-2/12/2009\*; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]-2/12/ 2009\*; Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]—3/17/2009; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]-2/12/2009\*; Specter, Arlen [R-PA]-3/9/2009; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—2/12/2009\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—2/12/2009\*; Thune, John [R-SD]—2/12/2009\*; Udall, Mark [D-CO]—4/20/2009; Vitter, David [R-LA]—2/12/2009\*; Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]— 6/15/2009; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]-3/9/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

Feb. 12, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

July 8, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka without amendment. With written report No. 111–41.Aug. 6, 2009—Senate floor actions: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 101.

S. 475 Feb. 25, 2009

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

Cosponsor(s): Barrasso, John [R-WY]-7/10/2009; Bayh, Evan [D-IN]—3/30/2009; Begich, Mark [D-AK]—3/30/2009; Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]-4/20/2009; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]-3/30/ 2009; Brownback, Sam [R-KS]—5/6/2009; Bunning, Jim [R-KY]— 5/6/2009; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—3/25/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]-3/18/2009; Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]-5/11/2009; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]-3/18/2009; Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]-3/ 12/2009; Coburn, Tom [R-OK]—4/22/2009; Cochran, Thad [R-MS]—4/30/2009; Cornyn, John [R-TX]—7/10/2009; DeMint, Jim [R-SC]—7/8/2009; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—4/2/2009; Ensign, John [R-NV]—5/4/2009; Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]—7/15/2009; Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]-2/25/2009\*; Gregg, Judd [R-NH]-5/11/ 2009; Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]-4/27/2009; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—5/4/2009; Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—5/6/2009; Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—3/9/2009; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—3/3/2009; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]-6/25/2009; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]-3/10/ 2009; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]-6/25/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—5/4/2009; Martinez, Mel [R-FL]—3/12/2009; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]-4/28/2009; Risch, James E. [R-ID]-4/20/ 2009; Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]—3/16/2009; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]--7/16/2009; Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]--7/10/2009; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—4/27/2009; Specter, Arlen [R-PA]—3/9/2009; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—3/19/2009; Thune, John [R-SD]—5/11/2009; Udall, Mark [D-CO]-5/11/2009; Vitter, David [R-LA]-5/18/2009;

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Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]—4/2/2009; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—3/19/2009

A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

Feb. 25, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

July 15, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka without amendment. With written report No. 111–46. Supplemental views filed.

Aug. 4, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Aug. 5, 2009—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Sept. 8, 2009—Received in the House.

Sept. 8, 2009—Held at the desk.

Nov. 2, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by voice vote.

Nov. 2, 2009—Cleared for White House.

Nov. 4, 2009—Presented to President.

Nov. 11, 2009—Signed by President.

Nov. 11, 2009—Became Public Law No: 111-97.

S. 498 Feb. 26, 2009

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize dental insurance for veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 509 Mar. 2, 2009

Sponsor: Murray, Patty [D-WA]

A bill to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.

Mar. 2, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

July 15, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

July 15, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Nov. 2, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 352–0 (Roll No. 834).

Nov. 2, 2009—Cleared for White House.

Nov. 4, 2009—Presented to President.

Nov. 11, 2009—Signed by President.

Nov. 11, 2009—Became Public Law No: 111-98.

S. 514 Mar. 3, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Burris, Roland [D-IL]-4/2/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 543 Mar. 6, 2009

Sponsor: Durbin, Richard [D-IL]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—3/6/2009\*; Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]—4/20/2009; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—3/19/2009; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—3/31/2009; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—4/20/2009; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—3/6/2009\*; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—3/19/2009; Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]—3/23/2009; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]—3/19/2009; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—10/27/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—10/27/2009; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—3/23/2009; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]—3/19/2009; Udall, Tom [D-NM]—3/6/2009\*

A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.

S. 597 Mar. 16, 2009

Sponsor: Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—4/21/2009; Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]—5/19/2009; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—3/16/2009\*; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—3/16/2009\*; Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]—5/20/2009; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—3/16/2009\*; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—4/21/2009; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—3/16/2009\*; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—3/16/2009\*; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—3/16/2009\*; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—3/16/2009\*; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—6/23/2009; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—3/16/2009\*; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—3/16/2009\*; Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]—3/16/2009\*; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—5/5/2009; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—3/16/2009\*; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—3/16/2009\*; Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]—5/12/2009; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—3/16/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 658 Mar. 19, 2009

Sponsor: Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—4/20/2009; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—4/28/2009; Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]—11/10/2009; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—9/28/2010; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—5/18/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—4/28/2009; McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]—5/13/2009; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—6/22/2009; Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]—9/17/2009; Thune, John [R-SD]—4/20/2009; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—10/15/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 663 Mar. 19, 2009

Sponsor: Nelson, E. Benjamin [D-NE]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—10/15/2009; Bayh, Evan [D-IN]—9/21/2009; Begich, Mark [D-AK]—6/16/2009; Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]—6/24/2009; Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]—6/18/2009; Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]—12/18/2009; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—7/8/2009; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—5/4/2009; Brownback, Sam [R-KS]—3/19/2009\*; Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]—6/16/2009; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]—3/19/2009\*; Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]—3/25/2009; Cochran, Thad [R-MS]—3/19/2009\*; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—3/19/2009\*; Conrad, Kent [D-ND]—5/12/2009; Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]—5/19/2009; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—

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3/19/2009\*; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—10/15/2009; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—3/19/2009\*; Harkin, Tom [D-IA]—10/14/2009; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]-9/9/2009; Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—3/19/2009\*; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—7/30/2009; Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]-3/19/2009\*; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]-3/19/ 2009\*; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]—11/4/2009; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]—7/6/2009; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—4/28/2009; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]-5/14/2009; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]-4/28/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]-3/19/2009\*; Martinez, Mel [R-FL]-6/3/2009; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]-4/2/2009; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]-6/10/2010; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]-6/1/2009; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—3/19/2009\*; Murray, Patty [D-WA]-3/19/2009\*; Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]-7/14/2009; Reed, Jack [D-RI]—6/3/2009; Roberts, Pat [R-KS]—3/19/2009\*; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—10/20/2009; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—4/23/2009; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—9/22/2009; Specter, Arlen [R-PA]-3/19/2009\*; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—3/19/2009\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—12/18/2009; Udall, Mark [D-CO]—6/16/2009; Udall, Tom [D-NM]-6/10/2009; Vitter, David [R-LA]-1/20/2010; Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]-3/19/2009\*; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]-3/19/ 2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 669 Mar. 23, 2009

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

Cosponsor(s): Brownback, Sam [R-KS]—9/29/2009; Coburn, Tom [R-OK]—3/23/2009\*; Cochran, Thad [R-MS]—3/23/2009\*; Crapo, Mike [R-ID]—3/23/2009\*; DeMint, Jim [R-SC]—3/23/2009\*; Ensign, John [R-NV]—3/23/2009\*; Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]—3/23/2009\*; Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]—3/23/2009\*; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—3/23/2009\*; Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—3/23/2009\*; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—3/23/2009\*; Risch, James E. [R-ID]—8/6/2009; Roberts, Pat [R-KS]—3/23/2009\*; Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]—5/10/2010; Thune, John [R-SD]—3/23/2009\*; Vitter, David [R-LA]—3/23/2009\*; Webb, Jim [D-VA]—3/23/2009\*; Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]—3/23/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

Mar. 23, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

June 16, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka without amendment. With written report No. 111–27.

June 16, 2009—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 78.

S. 691 Mar. 25, 2009

Sponsor: Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

Cosponsor(s): Udall, Mark [D-CO]—3/25/2009\*

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southern Colorado region, and for other purposes.

S. 699 Mar. 25, 2009

Sponsor: Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Cosponsor(s): Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—3/25/2009\*

A bill to provide for the construction by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a full service hospital in Far South Texas.

S. 728 Mar. 26, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes.

Mar. 26, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 2, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/07/2009 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111–71.

Oct. 7, 2009—Senate floor actions: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 155.

S. 734 Mar. 30, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—3/30/2009\*; Begich, Mark [D-AK]—3/30/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas and to improve the provision of health care to veterans in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 746 Mar. 31, 2009

Sponsor: Nelson, E. Benjamin [D-NE]

Cosponsor(s): Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—3/31/2009\*

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri.

Mar. 31, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

Apr. 29, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 772 Apr. 1, 2009

Sponsor: Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]

Cosponsor(s): Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—4/1/2009\*; Brownback, Sam [R-KS]—4/1/2009\*; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—4/21/2009; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—4/1/2009\*; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]—4/1/2009\*; McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]—4/1/2009\*; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—6/23/2009; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—5/21/2009; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—4/1/2009\*; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—4/1/2009\*; Specter, Arlen [R-PA]—4/1/2009\*; Udall, Mark [D-CO]—8/3/2009

A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 793 Apr. 2, 2009

Sponsor: Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

Cosponsor(s): Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—5/19/2009

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.

S. 801 Apr. 2, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—10/28/2009; Begich, Mark [D-AK]-4/20/2009; Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]-7/24/2009; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—4/20/2009; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—4/2/2009\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]-4/2/2009\*; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]-7/23/2009; Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]—7/24/2009; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]-7/24/2009; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]-8/4/2009; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]—7/23/2009; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—8/3/2009; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—6/18/2009; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—7/23/ 2009; McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]-7/6/2009; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—7/6/2009; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—6/17/2009; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—5/20/2009; Nelson, Bill [D-FL]—10/28/2009; Reed, Jack [D-RI]-6/10/2009; Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]-4/2/ 2009\*; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—5/11/2009; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]-6/15/2009; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]-11/10/2009; Tester, Jon [D-MT]-4/2/2009\*; Thune, John [R-SD]-7/20/2009; Udall, Tom [D-NM]—7/24/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.

Apr. 2, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 25, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 111–80.

Sept. 25, 2009—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 167.

S. 820 Apr. 2, 2009

Sponsor: Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the automobile assistance allowance for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 821 Apr. 2, 2009

Sponsor: Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, and for other purposes.

S. 842 Apr. 21, 2009

Sponsor: Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

A bill to repeal the sunset of certain enhancements of protections of servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay mortgage holders unpaid balances on housing loans guaranteed by Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 847 Apr. 21, 2009

Sponsor: Webb, Jim [D-VA]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that utilization of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance shall not be subject to the 48-month limitation on the aggregate amount of assistance utilizable under multiple veterans and related educational assistance programs.

S. 919 Apr. 28, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend section 1154 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the additional requirements for consideration to be afforded time, place, and circumstances of service in determinations regarding service-connected disabilities.

S. 977 May 5, 2009

Sponsor: Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Cosponsor(s): Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—1/28/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.

S. 1015 May 11, 2009

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

Cosponsor(s): Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—5/11/2009\*; Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—5/11/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance disability compensation for certain disabled veterans with difficulties using prostheses and disabled veterans in need of regular aid and attendance for residuals of traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1016 May 11, 2009

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the commencement of the period of payment of original awards of compensation for veterans who are retired or separated from the uniformed services for disability.

May 20, 2009

S. 1109

Sponsor: Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes or the benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1118 May 21, 2009

Sponsor: Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—5/21/2009\*; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—6/1/2009; Kohl, Herb [D-WI]—5/21/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1155 May 21, 2009

Sponsor: Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Cosponsor(s): Burris, Roland [D-IL]—7/31/2009; Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]—10/20/2009; Harkin, Tom [D-IA]—8/3/2009; Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]—5/21/2009\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—6/16/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.

S. 1204 June 8, 2009

Sponsor: Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—12/16/2009; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—10/14/2009; Brownback, Sam [R-KS]—6/10/2009; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—7/23/2009; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—3/1/2010; Harkin, Tom [D-IA]—6/8/2010; Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—9/9/2009; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]—12/6/2010; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—9/9/2009; Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]—3/10/2010

A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.

S. 1237 June 11, 2009

Sponsor: Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—11/9/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—2/22/2010; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]—6/22/2010; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—6/11/2009\*; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—6/21/2010; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—7/20/2009; Reed, Jack [D-RI]—6/11/2009\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—11/4/2009; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—7/13/2010; Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]—7/13/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

June 11, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

Apr. 29, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 111–175.

Apr. 29, 2010—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 360.

S. 1302 June 18, 2009

Sponsor: McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]

A bill to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provisions of health care services, and for other purposes.

S. 1310 June 19, 2009

Sponsor: Akaka Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010 and for other purposes

S. 1394 July 6, 2009

Sponsor: Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and other communications submitted by claimants, and for other purposes.

S. 1427 July 9, 2009

Sponsor: Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

Cosponsor(s): Johanns, Mike [R-NE]-7/9/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and for other purposes.

S. 1429 July 9, 2009

Sponsor: Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

A bill to establish a commission on veterans and members of the Armed Forces with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other mental health disorders, to enhance the capacity of mental health care providers to assist such veterans and members, to ensure such veterans are not discriminated against, and for other purposes.

S. 1444 July 13, 2009

Sponsor: Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.

S. 1450 July 14, 2009

Sponsor: Ensign, John [R-NV]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—7/14/2009\*; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—6/29/2010; Cornyn, John [R-TX]—2/26/2010

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A bill to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.

S. 1452 July 14, 2009

Sponsor: Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]

Cosponsor(s): Bayh, Evan [D-IN]—7/14/2009\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—8/3/2009; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—7/14/2009\*; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]—7/14/2009\*; Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]—7/14/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.

S. 1467 July 16, 2009

Sponsor: McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide coverage under Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for adverse reactions to vaccinations administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 1483 July 21, 2009

Sponsor: Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

Cosponsor(s): Franken, Al [D-MN]-9/22/2009

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria Minnesota as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

S. 1493 July 22, 2009

Sponsor: McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]

A bill to designate the current and future Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville Kentucky as the "Robley Rex Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

S. 1495 July 22, 2009

Sponsor: Franken, Al [D-MN]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—7/22/2009\*; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—7/22/2009\*; Ensign, John [R-NV]—7/23/2009; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—9/10/2009; Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]—7/22/2009\*; Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—7/22/2009\*; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]—7/22/2009\*

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1518 July 27, 2009

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—10/27/2009; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—9/9/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—11/9/2009; Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]—8/6/2009; Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]—10/21/2009; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—8/3/2009; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]—7/29/2009; Harkin, Tom [D-IA]—9/9/2009; Isakson, Johnny [R-R-IA]—9/9/2009; Isakson, Johnny [R-R-IA]—9/9/2009; Isakson, Johnny [R-IA]—9/9/2009; Isakson, Johnny [

GA]—2/2/2010; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—12/7/2009; LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]—12/7/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—12/7/2009; Nelson, Bill [D-FL]—8/6/2009; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—11/10/2009; Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]—2/2/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.

S. 1531 July 29, 2009

Sponsor: Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, and for other purposes.

S. 1547 July 30, 2009

Sponsor: Reed, Jack [D-RI]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—10/14/2009; Begich, Mark [D-AK]—8/6/2009; Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]—7/30/2009\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—9/24/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—2/22/2010; Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]—11/10/2009; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—7/30/2009\*; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—7/30/2009\*; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—7/30/2009\*; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—12/8/2009; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—9/29/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—2/22/2010; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]—11/17/2010; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—11/10/2009; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—9/15/2009; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—7/30/2009\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—11/4/2009; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—11/10/2009; Udall, Tom [D-NM]—10/8/2009; Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]—10/5/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.

July 30, 2009—Introduced in Senate.

Aug. 5, 2009—Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (Consideration: CR S8863, S8890)

Aug. 5, 2009—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Oct. 21, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 1556 Aug. 3, 2009

Sponsor: Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Cosponsor(s): Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—9/21/2009; Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]—8/3/2009\*; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—10/28/2009; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—8/3/2009\*; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—8/3/2009\*; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—8/3/2009\*

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1607 Aug. 6, 2009

Sponsor: Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain rights and benefits for persons who are absent from positions of employment to receive medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1668 Sept. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—10/5/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—9/22/2009; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]—10/26/2009; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—2/24/2010; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]—11/9/2009; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—9/29/2009; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—10/14/2009; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]—5/3/2010; Risch, James E. [R-ID]—9/24/2009; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]—12/4/2009; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—1/28/2010; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—10/22/2009; Udall, Mark [D-CO]—9/22/2009; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—11/10/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1752 Oct. 5, 2009

Sponsor: Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

Cosponsor(s): Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]—11/10/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson's disease.

S. 1753 Oct. 5, 2009

Sponsor: Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for disabled veterans who are temporarily residing in housing owned by a family member, and for other purposes.

S. 1779 Oct. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Bayh, Evan [D-IN]

Cosponsor(s): Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—10/14/2009\*; Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]—10/14/2009\*; Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]—10/14/2009\*; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—10/14/2009\*; Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]—10/14/2009\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—10/14/2009\*; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—10/14/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.

S. 1780 Oct. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]

Cosponsor(s): Cochran, Thad [R-MS]—11/4/2009; Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—11/19/2009; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—10/14/2009\*; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]—3/9/2010; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]—10/27/2009; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—10/27/2009; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—11/20/2009; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]—11/15/2010;

Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—10/14/2009\*; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—12/3/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1784 Oct. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Ensign, John [R-NV]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that State approving agencies provide timely responses to applications for approval of courses of education and provide justifications for disapproval of courses to provide for the review of the disapproval of courses by State approving agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1785 Oct. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Ensign, John [R-NV]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require State approving agencies to approve courses of education that have been accredited and approved by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, and for other purposes.

S. 1798 Oct. 19, 2009

Sponsor: Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—12/21/2009; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—11/16/2009

A bill to provide for the automatic enrollment of demobilizing members of the National Guard and Reserve in health care and dental care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1866 Oct. 26, 2009

Sponsor: Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.

S. 1939 Oct. 27, 2009

Sponsor: Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—11/20/2009; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—2/4/2010; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—11/9/2009; Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]—11/20/2009; Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]—12/22/2009; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]—1/22/2010; Harkin, Tom [D-IA]—5/26/2010; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—11/9/2009; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]—4/19/2010; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]—10/27/2009\*; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—12/7/2009; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—3/5/2010; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—3/15/2010; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—12/7/2009; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—10/27/2009\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—10/27/2009\*; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—4/13/2010; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—10/27/2009\*; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—11/10/2009

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A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 1940 Oct. 27, 2009

Sponsor: Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study on the effects on children of exposure of their parents to herbicides used in support of the United States and allied military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

S. 2096 Oct. 29, 2009

Sponsor: Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.

S. 2751 Nov. 9, 2009

Sponsor: Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Cosponsor(s): Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—11/9/2009

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Medical Center.

S. 2760 Nov. 10, 2009

Sponsor: Udall, Tom [D-NM]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—12/7/2009; Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]—1/21/2010; Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]—11/10/2009; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]—1/20/2010; Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]—2/25/2010; Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]—1/20/2010; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—12/15/2009; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]—3/11/2010; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—2/25/2010; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]—3/1/2010; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—3/8/2010; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—3/4/2010; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—2/24/2010; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—1/20/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.

S. 2769 Nov. 10, 2009

Sponsor: Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

Cosponsor(s): Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—11/10/2009\*; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—11/10/2009\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training, and for other purposes.

S. 3035 Feb. 24, 2010

Sponsor: Baucus, Max [D-MT]

Cosponsor(s): Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]—4/26/2010; Conrad, Kent [D-ND]—3/16/2010; Crapo, Mike [R-ID]—3/16/2010; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—5/5/2010; Risch, James E. [R-ID]—3/19/2010; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—2/24/2010\*

A bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.

S. 3082 Mar. 5, 2010

Sponsor: Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—3/9/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.

S. 3107 Mar. 11, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—3/11/2010\*; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—3/11/2010\*; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—3/11/2010\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—3/11/2010\*; Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]—3/11/2010\*; Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—3/11/2010\*; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—9/21/2010; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—3/11/2010\*; Rockefeller, John D. IV [D-WV]—3/11/2010\*; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—3/11/2010\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—3/11/2010\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—3/11/2010\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Mar. 11, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Aug. 5, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka without amendment. With written report No. 111–281.
Sept. 22, 2010—Senate floor actions: Returned to the Calendar. Cal-

S. 3118 Mar. 16, 2010

Sponsor: Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

endar No. 550.

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that monetary benefits paid to veterans by States and municipalities shall be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of pension benefits paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 3162 Mar. 24, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—3/24/2010\*; Bayh, Evan [D-IN]—3/24/2010\*; Begich, Mark [D-AK]—3/24/2010\*; Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]—3/24/2010\*; Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]—3/24/2010\*; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—3/24/2010\*; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—3/24/2010\*; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—3/25/2010; Burris, Ro-

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land [D-IL]-3/24/2010\*; Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]-3/24/2010\*; Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]—3/24/2010\*; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]—3/24/2010\*; Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]—3/24/2010\*; Casey, Robert P. Jr. [D-PA]—3/24/2010\*; Conrad, Kent [D-ND]—3/24/ 2010\*; Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]—3/24/2010\*; Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]—3/24/2010\*; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—3/24/2010\*; Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]-3/24/2010\*; Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]—3/24/2010\*; Franken, Al [D-MN]—3/24/2010\*; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]-3/24/2010\*; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]-3/24/2010\*; Harkin, Tom [D-IA]—3/24/2010\*; Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]—3/ 24/2010\*; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—3/24/2010\*; Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]—3/24/2010\*; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—3/24/2010\*; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]-3/24/2010\*; Kohl, Herb [D-WI]-3/24/ 2010\*; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]-3/24/2010\*; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—3/24/2010\*; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—3/24/2010\*; Levin, Carl [D-MI]—3/24/2010\*; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]— 3/24/2010\*; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—3/24/2010\*; McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]—3/24/2010\*; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]—3/24/ 2010\*: Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—3/24/2010\*: Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—3/24/2010\*; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—3/24/2010\*; Nelson, Bill [D-FL]—3/24/2010\*; Nelson, Benjamin E. [D-NE]—3/24/ 2010\*; Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]—3/24/2010\*; Reed, Jack [D-RI]— 3/24/2010\*; Reid, Harry [D-NV]—3/24/2010\*; Rockefeller, John D. IV [D-WV]—3/24/2010\*; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—3/24/2010\*; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—3/24/2010\*; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]-3/24/2010\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]-3/24/2010\*; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—3/24/2010\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—3/24/2010\*; Udall, Mark [D-CO]—3/24/2010\*; Udall, Tom [D-NM]—3/24/ 2010\*; Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]-3/24/2010\*; Webb, Jim [D-VA]—3/24/2010\*; Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]—3/24/2010\*; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]-3/24/2010\*

A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

Mar. 24, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Mar. 26, 2010—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Mar. 26, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 23, 2010—House floor actions: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1653, papers are returned to the Senate.

S. 3171 Mar. 25, 2010

Sponsor: Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]

Cosponsor(s): Burris, Roland [D-IL]—6/24/2010; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—7/12/2010; Hagan, Kay [D-NC]—4/20/2010; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]—4/15/2010; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—4/15/2010; LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]—4/15/2010; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]—4/20/2010; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—6/9/2010; Risch, James E. [R-ID]—3/25/2010\*; Roberts, Pat [R-KS]—5/24/2010; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—4/15/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

S. 3192 Apr. 12, 2010

Sponsor: Specter, Arlen [D-PA]

Cosponsor(s): Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]—11/15/2010; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—6/24/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.

S. 3234 April 20, 2010

Sponsor: Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—4/20/2010\*; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—5/3/2010; Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—5/17/2010; Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]—6/23/2010; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]—11/15/2010; Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]—9/23/2010; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—4/20/2010\*; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—5/25/2010; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—9/23/2010; Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]—4/20/2010\*; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—6/22/2010; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—4/20/2010\*; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]—11/17/2010; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—4/20/2010\*; Reid, Harry [D-NV]—4/20/2010\*; Rockefeller, John D. IV [D-WV]—9/29/2010; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—9/14/2010; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—6/8/2010; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—4/29/2010

A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

Apr. 20, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 2, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka under authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111–285.

Sept. 2, 2010—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 556.

S. 3286 Apr. 29, 2010

Sponsor: Specter, Arlen [D-PA]

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the award of grants to State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to veterans with their submittal of claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3314 May 5, 2010

Sponsor: Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia, and for other purposes.

S. 3325 May 6, 2010

Sponsor: Begich, Mark [D-AK]

Cosponsor(s): Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—5/6/2010\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—5/18/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, and for other purposes.

May 6, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 2, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka under authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an

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amendment to the title. With written report No. 111-286. Supplemental views filed.

Sept. 2, 2010—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 557.

S. 3330 May 7, 2010

Sponsor: Casey, Robert P. Jr. [D-PA]

Cosponsor(s): Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—5/7/2010\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3348 May 12, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of documents that express disagreement with decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals and that are misfiled with the Board within 120 days of such decisions as motions for reconsideration of such decisions, and for other purposes.

S. 3352 May 12, 2010

Sponsor: Tester, Jon [D-MT]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 3355 May 12, 2010

Sponsor: Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

Cosponsor(s): Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—5/12/2010\*; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—5/12/2010\*

A bill to provide for an Internet Web site for information on benefits, resources, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, and for other purposes.

S. 3356 May 13, 2010

Sponsor: Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 3359 May 13, 2010

Sponsor: Thune, John [R-SD]

Cosponsor(s): Burr, Richard [R-NC]—5/18/2010; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—5/13/2010\*; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—5/13/2010\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 3367 May 13, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pension for disabled veterans who are married to one another and both of whom require regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

S. 3368 May 13, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain individuals to sign claims filed with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on behalf of claimants, and for other purposes.

S. 3370 May 13, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which an individual files jointly for social security and dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 3377 May 14, 2010

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

Cosponsor(s): Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]—5/14/2010\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—5/17/2010; Durbin, Richard [D-IL]—5/14/2010\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 3389 May 20, 2010

Sponsor: Hagan, Kay [D-NC]

Cosponsor(s): Burris, Roland [D-IL]-5/27/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt individuals who receive certain educational assistance for service in the Selected Reserve from limitations on the receipt of assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for additional service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 3447 May 27, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Baucus, Max [D-MT]—9/23/2010; Bayh, Evan [D-IN]—11/15/2010; Begich, Mark [D-AK]—6/10/2010; Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]—9/15/2010; Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]—9/29/2010; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—9/13/2010; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—9/23/2010; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]—11/15/2010; Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]—11/15/2010; Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]—9/28/2010;

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Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—9/29/2010; Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]—9/15/2010; Johnson, Tim [D-SD]—9/28/2010; Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]—9/29/2010; Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]—9/29/2010; Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]—9/13/2010; Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]—11/15/2010; Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—9/29/2010; McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]—9/13/2010; Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]—11/15/2010; Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]—9/13/2010; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—9/29/2010; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—8/3/2010; Rockefeller, John D. IV [D-WV]—9/29/2010; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—9/15/2010; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—9/28/2010; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]—11/18/2010; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—9/13/2010; Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]—6/16/2010; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—9/13/2010; Udall, Tom [D-NM]—7/29/2010; Webb, Jim [D-VA]—7/29/2010; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—9/23/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

May 27, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Oct. 26, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka under authority of the order of the Senate of September 29, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111–346.

Dec. 13, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 16, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409–3 (Roll No. 642).

Dec. 16, 2010—Cleared for White House.

Dec. 28, 2010—Presented to President.

Jan. 4, 2011—Signed by President.

Jan. 4, 2011—Became Public Law No: 111-377.

S. 3486 June 15, 2010

Sponsor: Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—6/15/2010\*; Burris, Roland [D-IL]—8/3/2010; Casey, Robert P. Jr. [D-PA]—7/29/2010; Franken, Al [D-MN]—6/15/2010\*; Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]—6/15/2010\*; Murray, Patty [D-WA]—6/16/2010; Rockefeller, John D. IV [D-WV]—6/15/2010\*; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—6/15/2010\*; Specter, Arlen [D-PA]—6/15/2010\*; Webb, Jim [D-VA]—9/14/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

June 15, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 2, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka under authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 2010, without amendment. With written report No. 111–287. Minority views filed.

Sept. 2, 2010—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 558. S. 3499 June 16, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require fiduciaries of individuals receiving benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to authorize the Secretary to obtain financial records with respect to such individuals for purposes of administering such laws, and for other purposes.

S. 3517 June 22, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Murray, Patty [D-WA]—8/3/2010; Rockefeller, John D. IV [D-WV]—9/29/2010; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—9/28/2010; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]—11/18/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for disability compensation filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 22, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Nov. 29, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111–354.

Nov. 29, 2010—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 654.

S. 3583 July 14, 2010

Sponsor: Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]—7/21/2010; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—7/14/2010\*; Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]—8/4/2010; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—7/29/2010; Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]—7/14/2010\*; Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]—7/28/2010; Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]—7/14/2010\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.

S. 3609 July 19, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to extend the temporary authority for performance of medical disability examinations by contract physicians for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

July 19, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 2, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Akaka under authority of the order of the Senate of Aug. 5, 2010, without amendment. With written report No. 111–288.

Sept. 2, 2010—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 559.

S. 3718 Aug. 5, 2010

Sponsor: Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that beneficiaries of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance receive financial counseling and disclosure information regarding life insurance payments, and for other purposes.

S. 3765 Sept. 2, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

An original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance and to modify the provision of compensation and pension to surviving spouses of veterans in months of the deaths of the veterans, and for other purposes.

Sept. 2, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 2, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Akaka under authority of the order of the Senate of Aug. 5, 2010. With written report No. 111– 282. Supplemental views filed.

Sept. 2, 2010—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 553.

S. 3801 Sept. 16, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]-9/29/2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 3860 Sept. 28, 2010

Sponsor: McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

Cosponsor(s): Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]—9/29/2010; Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]—11/18/2010; Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]—9/29/2010; Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]—9/28/2010\*; Burr, Richard [R-NC]—9/28/2010\*; Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]—11/18/2010; Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—9/28/2010\*; Ensign, John [R-NV]—11/15/2010; Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—9/29/2010; Kerry, John F. [D-MA]—11/18/2010; Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]—9/28/2010\*

A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

Sept. 28, 2010—Introduced in Senate.

Dec. 4, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 4, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 16, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407–3 (Roll No. 641).

Dec. 16, 2010—Cleared for White House.

Dec. 17, 2010—Presented to President.

Dec. 22, 2010—Signed by President.

Dec. 22, 2010—Became Public Law No: 111-339

S. 3875 Sept. 29, 2010

Sponsor: Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-MD]

Cosponsor(s): Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—9/29/2010\*; Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]—9/29/2010\*; Wyden, Ron [D-OR]—9/29/2010\*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

S. 3902 Sept. 29, 2010

Sponsor: Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Cosponsor(s): Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]-9/29/2010\*

A bill to deem references to Operation Iraqi Freedom in provisions of Federal law providing benefits for service in the Armed Forces to include references to Operation New Dawn.

S. 3953 Nov. 17, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide benefits for children with spina bifida of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era outside Vietnam, and for other purposes.

<sup>\*</sup> Original cosponsor.

# SENATE RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

S. Res. 33 Feb. 11, 2009 S. Res. 451 Mar. 11, 2010

Sponsor: Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Cosponsor(s): (none)

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Feb. 11, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Akaka. Without written report.

Feb. 11, 2009—Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Text of measure as introduced: CR S2162)

S. Res. 115 Apr. 28, 2009

Sponsor: Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A resolution recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in helping wounded veterans live more independent lives, expressing gratitude to The Tower of Hope, and supporting the goals and ideals of creating a Tower of Hope Day.

Apr. 28, 2009—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Text of measure as introduced: CR S4828)

S. Res. 340 Nov. 5, 2009

Sponsor: Crapo, Mike [R-ID]

Cosponsor(s): Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]—11/5/2009\*; Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]—11/9/2009; Risch, James E. [R-ID]—11/9/2009; Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]—11/9/2009; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]—11/10/2009

A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

Nov. 5, 2009—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Text of measure as introduced: CR S11221)

Nov. 10, 2009—Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (Consideration: CR S11354)

Nov. 10, 2009—Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (Text: CR S11354)

Sponsor: Burr, Richard [R-NC]

Cosponsor(s): Begich, Mark [D-AK]—3/15/2010; Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]—3/11/2010\*; Cochran, Thad [R-MS]—3/17/2010; Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—3/11/2010\*; Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—3/11/2010\*; LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]—3/18/2010; Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—3/11/2010\*; Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]—3/18/2010; Tester, Jon [D-MT]—3/18/2010; Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]—3/18/2010

A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

Mar. 11, 2010—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Text of measure as introduced: CR S1462)

Mar. 19, 2010—Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (Consideration: CR \$1780)

Mar. 19, 2010—Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (Text: CR S1780)

<sup>\*</sup> Original cosponsor.

#### HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

H. Con. Res. 238

Feb. 23, 2010

Sponsor: Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]

Cosponsor(s): Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]-2/24/2010; Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]—2/24/2010; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—2/23/ 2010\*; Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]-2/24/2010; Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—2/23/2010\*; Cao, Anh "Joseph" [R-LA-2]—2/24/2010; Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]—2/24/2010; Childers, Travis [D-MS-1]— 2/24/2010; Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI]-2/24/2010; Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]—2/24/2010; Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]—2/24/ 2010; Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]—2/24/2010; Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]—2/24/2010; Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]—2/24/2010; Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]-2/24/2010; Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]-2/24/2010; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—2/23/2010\*; Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]—2/24/2010; Green, Al [D-TX-9]—2/24/2010; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]-2/24/2010; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]-2/24/2010; Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]-2/24/2010; Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]—2/24/2010; Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]-2/24/2010; Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]-2/24/2010; Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]—2/24/2010; Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]—2/24/2010; Lewis, John [D-GA-5]—2/24/2010; McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]-2/24/2010; McMahon, Michael E. [D-NY-13]-2/24/2010; Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]-2/24/2010; Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]-2/24/2010; Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]-2/24/ 2010; Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]-2/24/2010; Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC]—2/24/2010: Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]—2/24/2010: Price, David E. [D-NC-4]-2/24/2010; Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]--2/24/2010; Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]--2/24/2010; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]-2/24/2010; Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]-2/24/2010; Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]—2/24/2010; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]-2/24/2010; Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]—2/24/2010; Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]—2/24/2010

Recognizing the difficult challenges Black veterans faced when returning home after serving in the Armed Forces, their heroic military sacrifices, and their patriotism in fighting for equal rights and for the dignity of a people and a Nation.

Feb. 23, 2010—Introduced in House.

Feb. 26, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 383–0 (Roll No. 74).

Mar. 1, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 23 Jan. 6, 2009

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]—1/26/2009; Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]—5/7/2009; Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]—3/23/2009; Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]—3/16/2009; Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]—5/5/2009; Barrow, John [D-GA-12]—4/21/2009; Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]—3/31/2009; Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]—4/27/2009; Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]—4/21/2009; Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]—2/10/2009; Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]—

4/1/2009; Boccieri, John A. [D-OH-16]-3/9/2009; Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]-3/16/2009; Bono Mack, Mary [R-CA-45]-4/21/2009; Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU]-2/23/2009; Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]—2/23/2009; Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]—1/28/2009; Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]-2/26/2009; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]-3/12/ 2009; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]—5/5/2009; Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]—5/5/2009; Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]—2/10/2009; Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]-4/21/2009; Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]—5/6/2009; Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]—4/1/2009; Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]—4/21/2009; Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]—3/16/2009; Carney, Christopher P. [D-PA-10]—3/23/2009; Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]—3/23/2009; Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI]—4/30/2009; Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]-4/1/2009; Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]-4/21/2009; Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [D-VA-11]—4/21/2009; Costa, Jim [D-CA-20]—2/3/2009; Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]-4/27/2009; Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]—3/4/2009; Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]—5/5/2009; Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]—4/21/2009; Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]—3/16/2009; DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]-4/1/2009; DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]-5/6/2009; Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]—5/7/2009; DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]— 4/21/2009; Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]-5/6/2009; Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]—2/3/2009; Dreier, David [R-CA-26]—4/27/2009; Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]—3/18/2009; Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]— 5/6/2009; Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]-4/1/2009; Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]-4/21/2009; Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]-3/19/2009; Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]—4/23/2009; Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]—2/23/2009; Green, Gene [D-TX-29]-4/21/2009; Grijalva, Raul M. [D-AZ-7]-4/21/2009; Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]—3/31/2009; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—5/6/2009; Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]—4/21/2009; Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]—5/6/2009; Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]—2/12/ 2009; Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]-4/27/2009; Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]—2/23/2009; Hodes, Paul W. [D-NH-2]—3/23/2009; Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]—4/21/2009; Holt, Rush D. [D-NJ-12]— 4/1/2009; Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]-2/23/2009; Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]—4/21/2009; Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]— 4/21/2009; Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]-4/21/2009; Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]—5/5/2009; Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]—3/31/ 2009; Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]-4/1/2009; Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]—4/23/2009; Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]—4/21/2009; Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]—5/6/2009; King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]—1/13/ 2009; King, Steve [R-IA-5]—5/7/2009; Kosmas, Suzanne M. [D-FL-24]--1/26/2009; Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]--5/5/2009; Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]-4/21/2009; Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]-3/ 4/2009; LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]—4/23/2009; Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]—3/9/2009; Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]—4/21/2009; Lewis, John [D-GA-5]—5/7/2009; LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]—2/3/ 2009; Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]-3/4/2009; Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]—2/26/2009; Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]—3/24/2009; Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]—3/31/2009; Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]—4/23/2009; Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]—3/4/2009; Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]-4/21/2009; McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]-3/23/2009; McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]-3/16/2009; McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]-4/23/2009; McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]—3/16/2009; McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]—2/10/2009; Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]—4/27/2009; Mica, John L. [R-FL-

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7]—3/18/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—2/12/2009; Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]—2/26/2009; Miller, George [D-CA-7]—4/1/2009; Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]—3/18/2009; Mitchell, Harry E. [D-AZ-5]— 3/9/2009; Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]—3/4/2009; Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]—4/30/2009; Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]—2/23/2009; Murphy, Christopher S. [D-CT-5]—5/6/2009; Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]—2/ 23/2009; Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]—2/23/2009; Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]—3/23/2009; Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]—2/23/2009; Nye, Glenn C. [D-VA-2]-5/6/2009; Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]—3/23/2009; Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]—4/30/2009; Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]—4/27/2009; Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]—5/7/2009; Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]-2/26/2009; Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]-3/24/2009; Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]-5/7/2009; Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]—5/5/2009; Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]—4/1/2009; Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]-4/21/2009; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]-4/21/2009; Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]-4/21/2009; Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]-3/31/2009; Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]—5/6/2009; Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]—3/23/2009; Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]—4/21/2009; Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]—5/5/2009; Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]—4/23/2009; Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]-4/21/2009; Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]-4/21/2009; Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]-3/18/2009; Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]—4/21/2009; Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]—4/23/2009; Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]—3/31/2009; Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]—4/27/ 2009; Shuler, Heath [D-NC-11]-4/27/2009; Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]-4/1/2009; Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]-3/16/2009; Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]—5/7/2009; Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]—2/ 23/2009; Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]-3/19/2009; Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]—3/31/2009; Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]—3/4/2009; Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]—5/5/2009; Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]—3/24/ 2009; Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]—3/16/2009; Tonko, Paul D. [D-NY-21]—3/18/2009; Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]—5/6/2009; Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]—5/5/2009; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]-2/23/2009; Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]-1/28/2009; Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]—4/21/2009; Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]-2/23/2009; Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]-5/6/2009; Welch, Peter [D-VT]—5/6/2009; Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]—2/23/ 2009; Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]-2/10/2009; Wilson, Charles A. [D-OH-6]—3/4/2009; Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]—5/5/2009; Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]—2/26/2009; Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]—3/23/ 2009; Wu, David [D-OR-1]-2/23/2009; Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]-3/4/2009; Young, Don [R-AK]-3/31/2009

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

Jan. 6, 2009—Introduced in House.

May 7, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–99.

May 12, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. May 13, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 174 Jan. 6, 2009

Sponsor: Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]

Cosponsor(s): DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]—1/9/2009; Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]—1/9/2009; Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]—1/9/2009; Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]—1/6/2009\*; Markey, Betsy [D-CO-4]—3/17/

2009; Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]—1/23/2009; Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]—3/3/2009

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.

Jan. 6, 2009—Introduced in House.

Nov. 2, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by voice vote.

Nov. 3, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 402 Jan. 9, 2009

Sponsor: Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]

Cosponsor(s): Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]—1/9/2009\*; Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]—1/9/2009\*; Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]—1/9/2009\*; Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]—1/9/2009\*; Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]—1/9/2009\*; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]—1/9/2009\*; Tanner, John S. [D-TN-8]—1/9/2009\*; Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]—1/9/2009\*

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "William C. Tallent Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

Jan. 9, 2009—Introduced in House.

July 14, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419–0 (Roll No. 536).

July 15, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 466 Jan. 13, 2009

Sponsor: Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]

Cosponsor(s): Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]—1/13/2009\*; Edwards, Chet [D-TX-17]—1/13/2009\*; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—1/13/2009\*; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—5/4/2009; Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]—1/13/2009\*; McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]—1/13/2009\*; Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]—1/13/2009\*; Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]—4/1/2009

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain rights and benefits for persons who are absent from positions of employment to receive medical treatment for service-connected disabilities.

Jan. 13, 2009—Introduced in House.

May 19, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–118.

June 8, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. June 9, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1017 Feb. 12, 2009

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]—4/28/2010; Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]—6/4/2009; Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]—3/4/2009; Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]—4/1/2009; Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]—3/16/2009; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—3/21/2010; Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]—3/9/2010; Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]—3/4/2009; Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]—5/12/2009; Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]—3/4/2009; Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]—4/21/2009; Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]—3/4/2009; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—12/

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11/2009; Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]—3/19/2010; Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]—7/30/2009; Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]—4/27/2009; Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]—9/22/2009; Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]—3/19/2010; Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]—5/11/2010; Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]—6/11/2009; Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]—3/4/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—2/26/2009; Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]—4/1/2009; Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]—5/18/2010; Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]—3/9/2010; Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]—4/30/2009; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—10/20/2009; Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]—7/10/2009; Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]—3/4/2009; Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]—5/20/2010; Sanchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]—9/9/2009; Schock, Aaron [R-IL-18]—4/20/2010; Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]—4/30/2009; Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]—6/11/2009; Titus, Dina [D-NV-3]—7/21/2009; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]—3/4/2009; Young, C.W. Bill [R-FL-10]—3/9/2009

To amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services.

Feb. 12, 2009—Introduced in House.

May 20, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–488.

May 24, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 365–6 (Roll No. 292).

May 25, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1037 Feb. 12, 2009

Sponsor: Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD] Cosponsor(s): Grijalva, Raul M. [D-AZ-7]—2/12/2009

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under title 38, United States Code.

Feb. 12, 2009—Introduced in House.

June 18, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–162.

July 14, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422–0 (Roll No. 535).

Oct. 7, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Oct. 7, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1088 Feb. 13, 2009

Sponsor: Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD] Cosponsor(s): (none)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute.

Feb. 13, 2009—Introduced in House.

May 14, 2009—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–110.

May 19, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by voice vote.

May 20, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1089 Feb. 13, 2009

Sponsor: Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]

Cosponsor(s): (none)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and reemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes.

Feb. 13, 2009—Introduced in House.

May 14, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–111.

May 19, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 423–0 (Roll No. 270).

May 20, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1168 Feb. 25, 2009

Sponsor: Boozman, John [R-AR-3]

Cosponsor(s): Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]—10/7/2009; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—10/28/2009; Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]—10/20/2009; Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—10/28/2009; Minnick, Walter [D-ID-1]—11/2/2009

To amend chapter 42 of title 38, United States Code, to provide certain veterans with employment training assistance

Feb. 25, 2009—Introduced in House.

Nov. 2, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–323.

Nov. 2, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 356–0 (Roll No. 832).

Nov. 3, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1170 Feb. 25, 2009

Sponsor: Boozman, John [R-AR-3]

Cosponsor(s): Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—2/25/2009

To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

Feb. 25, 2009—Introduced in House.

May 14, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–109.

May 19, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. May 20, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate

and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1171 Feb. 25, 2009

Sponsor: Boozman, John [R-AR-3]

Cosponsor(s): Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—2/25/2009\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—3/30/2009; Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]—3/30/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—3/25/2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, and for other purposes.

Feb. 25, 2009—Introduced in House.

Mar. 26, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–54.

Mar. 30, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. Mar. 31, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1172 Feb. 25, 2009

Sponsor: Boozman, John [R-AR-3]

Cosponsor(s): Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—2/25/2009\*; Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]—6/16/2009

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet Web site of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.

Feb. 25, 2009—Introduced in House.

June 18, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–164.

June 23, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411–0 (Roll No. 422).

June 24, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1211 Feb. 26, 2009

Sponsor: Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]

Cosponsor(s): Barrow, John [D-GA-12]—3/16/2009; Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]—6/3/2009; Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]—2/26/2009\*; Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]-3/9/2009; Boozman, John [R-AR-3]-2/26/2009\*; Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]-2/26/2009\*; Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]-4/21/2009; Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]-4/21/ 2009; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—6/4/2009; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]—6/3/2009; Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]—2/26/2009\*; Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [D-VA-11]-5/6/2009; Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]—6/3/2009; Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]—6/3/2009; Edwards, Chet [D-TX-17]—4/21/2009; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]— 3/31/2009; Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]—6/8/2009; Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]—3/18/2009; Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]—6/3/2009; Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]-3/31/2009; Griffith, Parker [D-AL-5]-4/21/2009; Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]—3/9/2009; Holt, Rush D. [D-NJ-12]—3/23/2009; Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]—2/ 26/2009\*; Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]-3/23/2009; Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]—3/6/2009; Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]—2/26/2009\*; Marshall, Jim [D-GA-8]—6/3/2009; McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]—5/6/2009; McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]—2/26/ 2009\*; McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]—5/6/2009; McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]—5/6/2009; Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]—6/4/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—3/2/2009; Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]—2/26/2009\*; Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]—5/6/2009; Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]-4/28/2009; Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]-3/ 23/2009; Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]—4/21/2009; Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]—3/10/2009; Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]—6/16/2009; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—6/3/2009; Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]—3/2/2009; Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]—5/6/2009; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—3/3/2009; Titus, Dina [D-NV-3]—3/23/2009; Tonko, Paul D. [D-NY-21]—4/28/2009; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]—6/8/2009; Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]—3/23/2009; Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]—5/6/2009; Wu, David [D-OR-1]—2/26/2009\*

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Feb. 26, 2009—Introduced in House.

June 18, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–165.

June 23, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408–0 (Roll No. 421).

June 24, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1293 Mar. 4, 2009

Sponsor: Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]

Cosponsor(s): Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]—7/15/2009; Boozman, John [R-AR-3]—6/23/2009; Bright, Bobby [D-AL-2]—7/22/2009; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—7/15/2009; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]—7/9/2009; Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]—7/13/2009; Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]—6/2/2009; Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]—7/10/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—7/13/2009; Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]—7/15/2009; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]—6/24/2009; Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]—3/10/2009; Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]—6/2/2009; Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]—7/15/2009; Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]—6/23/2009; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]—7/7/2009

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services.

Mar. 4, 2009—Introduced in House.

July 23, 2009—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–226.

July 28, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 426–0 (Roll No. 650).

July 29, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1377 Mar. 6, 2009

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—3/23/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—3/16/2009

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.

Mar. 6, 2009—Introduced in House.

Mar. 26, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–55.

#### H.R. 1377—Continued

Mar. 30, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.
Dec. 18, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 18, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 18, 2009—Cleared for White House.

Jan. 20, 2010—Presented to President.

Feb. 1, 2010—Signed by President.

Feb. 1, 2010—Became Public Law No: 111-137.

H.R. 1513 Mar. 16, 2009

Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]

Cosponsor(s): Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]—3/16/2009\*; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—3/16/2009\*; Giffords, Gabrielle [D-AZ-8]—3/26/2009; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—3/16/2009\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—3/16/2009\*; Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]—3/26/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—3/26/2009; Mitchell, Harry E. [D-AZ-5]—3/16/2009\*; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—3/16/2009\*; Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]—3/26/2009

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Mar. 16, 2009—Introduced in House.

Mar. 26, 2009—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–56.

Mar. 30, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by voice vote.

Mar. 31, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1879 Apr. 2, 2009

Sponsor: Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]

Cosponsor(s): Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]—10/28/2009; Boozman, John [R-AR-3]—6/10/2009; Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU]—4/2/2009\*; Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—3/10/2010; Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]—12/14/2009; Fallin, Mary [R-OK-5]—10/28/2009; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—5/6/2009; Giffords, Gabrielle [D-AZ-8]—3/22/2010; Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]—3/22/2010; Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]—3/4/2010; Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]—1/27/2010; Kline, John [R-MN-2]—1/27/2010; Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]—12/14/2009; LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]—5/6/2009; Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-9]—12/11/2009; Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]—12/14/2009; Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]—3/21/2010; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]—3/16/2010; Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]—3/10/2010; Welch, Peter [D-VT]—10/28/2009

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for employment and reemployment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty.

Apr. 2, 2009—Introduced in House.

Mar. 22, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–450.

Mar. 24, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 416–1 (Roll No. 184).

Mar. 25, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2770 June 6, 2009

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—6/19/2009; Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]—6/24/2009; Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—6/9/2009\*; Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]—7/10/2009; Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]—7/10/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—7/17/2009; Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]—7/7/2009; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]—6/23/2009

To amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, and for other purposes.

June 9, 2009—Introduced in House.

July 23, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–225.

July 27, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.
July 28, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3155 July 9, 2009

Sponsor: Michael H. [D-ME-2]

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—7/20/2009; Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]—7/20/2009; Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]—7/9/2009\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—7/9/2009\*; Klein, Ron [D-FL-22]—7/21/2009; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—7/9/2009\*; Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]—7/20/2009; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—7/9/2009\*; Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]—7/21/2009

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, and for other purposes.

July 9, 2009—Introduced in House.

July 23, 2009—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–224.

July 27, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. July 28, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3157 July 9, 2009

Sponsor: Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]

Cosponsor(s): Bachmann, Michele [R-MN-6]—7/30/2009; Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]—7/30/2009; Kline, John [R-MN-2]—7/30/2009; McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]—7/30/2009; Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]—7/30/2009; Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]—7/30/2009; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]—7/30/2009

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

July 9, 2009—Introduced in House.

Nov. 3, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 398–0 (Roll No. 839).

Nov. 4, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3219 July 15, 2009 | H.R. 3787 Oct. 8, 2009

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]—7/15/2009\*; Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]—7/15/2009\*; Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]—7/15/ 2009\*; Boccieri, John A. [D-OH-16]-7/20/2009; Boozman, John [R-AR-3]—7/15/2009\*; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—7/15/2009\*; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]-7/15/2009\*; Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]--7/15/2009\*; Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]--7/15/2009\*; Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]—7/15/2009\*; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—7/15/ 2009\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]-7/15/2009\*; Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]-7/15/2009\*; Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]--7/15/2009\*; Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]--7/15/2009\*; McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]-7/15/2009\*; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]--7/15/2009\*; Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]--7/15/2009\*; Mitchell, Harry E. [D-AZ-5]—7/15/2009\*; Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]—7/15/2009\*; Nye, Glenn C. [D-VA-2]-7/15/2009\*; Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]—7/15/2009\*; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—7/15/2009\*; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]—7/15/2009\*; Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]—7/ 15/2009\*; Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]—7/15/2009\*; Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]—7/15/2009\*; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—7/15/2009\*; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]-7/15/2009\*

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care, and for other purposes.

July 15, 2009—Introduced in House.

July 23, 2009—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–223.

July 27, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. Sept. 28, 2010—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 28, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 29, 2010—Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments. Agreed to by voice vote.

Sept. 29, 2010—Cleared for White House.

Oct. 1, 2010—Presented to President.

Oct. 13, 2010—Signed by President.

Oct. 13, 2010—Became Public Law No: 111-275.

H.R. 3685 Sept. 30, 2009

Sponsor: Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet Web site of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet Web site and to publicize such Internet Web site.

Sept. 30, 2009—Introduced in House.

Sept. 28, 2010—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–624.

Sept. 29, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 425–0 (Roll No. 551).

Sept. 29, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Sponsor: Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]

Cosponsor(s): Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]—10/8/2009\*; Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]—4/14/2010; Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]—10/8/ 2009\*; Boozman, John [R-AR-3]—10/8/2009\*; Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]—3/15/2010; Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]—3/23/2010; Broun, Paul C. [R-GA-10]—10/8/2009\*; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]—10/8/2009\*; Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—5/6/2010; Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]—2/22/2010; Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [D-VA-11]—10/8/2009\*; Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]—10/8/2009\*; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—10/8/2009\*; Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]—3/9/2010; Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]—10/8/2009\*; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—10/8/2009\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—10/8/2009\*; Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]—10/8/2009\*; Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]-10/8/2009\*; Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]-8/10/2010; Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]—2/23/2010; King, Steve [R-IA-5]—3/10/2010; Kline, John [R-MN-2]—7/20/2010; Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]—10/8/2009\*; Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]-11/3/2009; Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]—10/8/2009\*; McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]—3/4/2010; McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]—10/8/2009\*; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—10/8/2009\*; Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]—7/28/2010; Mitchell, Harry E. [D-AZ-5]—10/8/2009\*; Murphy, Patrick J. [D-PA-8]— 7/20/2010; Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]—11/18/2009; Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]—10/8/2009\*; Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]—10/8/ 2009\*; Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]—10/8/2009\*; Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]—10/8/2009\*; Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND]—10/8/ 2009\*; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—10/8/2009\*; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]—10/8/2009\*; Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]—10/22/ 2009; Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]—10/8/2009\*; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]-10/8/2009\*

To amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

Oct. 8, 2009—Introduced in House.

Sept. 28, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–625.

Sept. 28, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. Sept. 29, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3885 Oct. 21, 2009

Sponsor: Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]

Cosponsor(s): Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]—10/27/2009; Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]—11/2/2009; Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]—11/5/2009; Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]—10/26/2009; Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]—10/26/2009; Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]—10/27/2009; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—10/22/2009; Minnick, Walter [D-ID-1]—10/27/2009; Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC]—11/2/2009; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—10/26/2009; Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]—1/20/2010; Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]—11/2/2009

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy.

Oct. 21, 2009—Introduced in House.

May 20, 2010—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–490.

May 25, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 403–4 (Roll No. 298).

#### H.R. 3885—Continued

May 26, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3949 Oct. 28, 2009

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]—10/28/2009\*; Boozman, John [R-AR-3]—10/28/2009\*; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—10/28/2009\*; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]—10/28/2009\*; Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]—10/28/2009\*; Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—10/28/2009\*; Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]—10/28/2009\*; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—10/28/2009\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—10/28/2009\*; Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]—10/28/2009\*; Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]—10/28/2009\*; McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]—10/28/2009\*; McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]—10/28/2009\*; Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]—10/28/2009\*; Mitchell, Harry E. [D-AZ-5]—10/28/2009\*; Nye, Glenn C. [D-VA-2]—10/28/2009\*; Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]—10/28/2009\*; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—10/28/2009\*; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]—10/28/2009\*; Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]—10/28/2009\*; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—10/28/2009\*; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]—10/28/2009\*

To amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemember Civil Relief Act, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Oct. 28, 2009—Introduced in House.

Nov. 2, 2009—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–324.

Nov. 3, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 382–2 (Roll No. 835).

Nov. 4, 2009—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3976 Oct. 29, 2009

Sponsor: Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]

Cosponsor(s): Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—3/11/2010; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—3/11/2010

To extend certain expiring provisions providing enhanced protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosure.

Oct. 29, 2009—Introduced in House.

Mar. 22, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–451.

Mar. 23, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 416–4 (Roll No. 176).

Mar. 24, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4307 Dec. 14, 2009

Sponsor: Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]

Cosponsor(s): Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]—6/21/2010; Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]—6/21/2010; Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]—12/15/2009

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Artesia, New Mexico, as the "Alejandro Renteria Ruiz Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

Dec. 14, 2009—Introduced in House.

June 30, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417–0 (Roll No. 405).

July 12, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4360 Dec. 16, 2009

Sponsor: Campbell, John [R-CA-48]

Cosponsor(s): Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]—3/18/2010; Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]—12/16/2009\*; Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-31]—2/4/2010; Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]—12/16/2009\*; Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]—2/4/2010; Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]—3/10/2010; Bono Mack, Mary [R-CA-45]—12/16/2009\*; Boozman, John [R-AR-3]— 3/23/2010; Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]—12/16/2009\*; Cao, Anh "Joseph" [R-LA-2]—3/10/2010; Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]—2/4/2010; Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]—12/16/2009\*; Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]-3/10/2010; Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]-12/16/2009\*; Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]—3/18/2010; Costa, Jim [D-CA-20]—12/16/2009\*; Davis, Geoff [R-KY-4]—3/10/2010; Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]— 12/16/2009\*; Dreier, David [R-CA-26]—12/16/2009\*; Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]—2/4/2010; Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]—1/19/2010; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—12/16/2009\*; Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]—12/16/ 2009\*; Garamendi, John [D-CA-10]—1/19/2010; Griffith, Parker [R-AL-5]—3/10/2010; Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]—12/16/2009\*; Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]—12/16/2009\*; Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]—2/4/2010; Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-52]—12/16/2009\*; Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]—12/16/2009\*; Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]-3/23/2010; Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]-1/19/2010; Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]—2/4/2010; Lewis, Jerry [R-CA-41]—12/16/2009\*; Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]—12/16/2009\*; Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]-3/10/2010; Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]-12/16/2009\*; Markey, Betsy [D-CO-4]—3/18/2010; Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]— 2/4/2010; McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-22]—12/16/2009\*; McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]—12/16/2009\*; McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]— 3/18/2010; McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]—3/10/2010; McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]—12/16/2009\*; McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]—12/16/2009\*; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—3/10/2010; Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]—2/4/2010; Miller, George [D-CA-7]— 2/4/2010; Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]—3/10/2010; Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]—1/19/2010; Nunes, Devin [R-CA-21]—12/16/2009\*; Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]-2/23/2010; Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]—12/16/2009\*; Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]—12/16/2009\*; Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]-3/10/2010; Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]—12/16/2009\*; Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]—3/18/2010; Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]-2/4/2010; Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]—12/16/2009\*; Sanchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]—12/16/ 2009\*; Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]—12/16/2009\*; Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]—12/16/2009\*; Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]—12/16/ 2009\*; Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]-3/23/2010; Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]—12/16/2009\*; Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]—1/19/2010; Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]—3/10/2010; Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]—1/ 19/2010; Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]—3/10/2010; Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]—2/4/2010; Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]—12/16/2009\*; Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]—12/16/2009\*; Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]—2/4/2010

#### H.R. 4360—Continued

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California, as the "Major Charles Robert Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center."

Dec. 16, 2009—Introduced in House.

Mar. 25, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417–0 (Roll No. 192).

Apr. 19, 2010—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Apr. 19, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Apr. 19, 2010—Cleared for White House.

Apr. 26, 2010—Presented to President.

May 7, 2010—Signed by President.

May 7, 2010—Became Public Law No: 111-164.

H.R. 4505 Jan. 26, 2010

Sponsor: Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]

Cosponsor(s): Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]—3/23/2010; Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]—3/3/2010; Boren, Dan [D-OK-2]—3/23/2010; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]-6/9/2010; Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]—2/3/2010; Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]—2/22/2010; Djou, Charles K. [R-HI-1]—6/23/2010; Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]— 3/9/2010; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]-2/2/2010; Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]-2/2/2010; Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]-6/28/2010; Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]-4/21/2010; Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]-6/22/2010; Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]-6/17/2010; Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]—2/3/2010; McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]—2/22/2010; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—2/26/2010; Minnick, Walter [D-ID-1]-3/3/2010; Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]-2/2/2010; Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]-2/2/2010; Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]—6/23/2010; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—6/9/2010; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]-6/15/2010; Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]-2/2/2010; Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]—1/26/2010\*; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]-6/22/2010; Tiahrt, Todd [R-KS-4]-3/3/2010; Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]—3/9/2010; Welch, Peter [D-VT]—3/23/2010; Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]-2/26/2010

To enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.

Jan. 26, 2010—Introduced in House.

June 30, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 420–0 (Roll No. 408).

Sept. 20, 2010—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 20, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 20, 2010—Cleared for White House.

Sept. 23, 2010—Presented to President.

Sept. 30, 2010—Signed by President.

Sept. 30, 2010—Became Public Law No: 111-246.

H.R. 4592 Feb. 3, 2010

Sponsor: Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]

Cosponsor(s): Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—3/10/2010; Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]—3/19/2010; Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]—3/15/2010; Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]—2/3/2010\*

To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions.

Feb. 3, 2010—Introduced in House.

Mar. 22, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–453.

Mar. 23, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 397–19 (Roll No. 177).

Mar. 24, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4667 Feb. 23, 2010

Sponsor: Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]

Cosponsor(s): Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]—3/10/2010; Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]—2/23/2010\*; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—2/23/2010\*; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—2/23/2010\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—2/23/2010\*; Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]—2/23/2010\*; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—2/23/2010\*; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—2/23/2010\*

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2010, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Feb. 23, 2010—Introduced in House.

Mar. 22, 2010—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–452.

Mar. 22, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407–0 (Roll No. 171).

Sept. 22, 2010—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 22, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 22, 2010—Cleared for White House.

Sept. 23, 2010—Presented to President.

Sept. 30, 2010—Signed by President.

Sept. 30, 2010—Became Public Law No: 111-247.

H.R. 4810 Mar. 10, 2010

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]—3/10/2010\*; Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]—3/10/2010\*; Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]—3/10/2010\*; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—3/10/2010\*; Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]—3/10/2010\*; Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]—3/10/2010\*; McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]—3/10/2010\*; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—3/10/2010\*; Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]—3/10/2010\*; Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]—3/10/2010\*; Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]—3/10/2010\*; Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]—3/10/2010\*; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—3/10/2010\*; Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]—3/10/2010\*

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the services provided for homeless veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Mar. 10, 2010—Introduced in House.

Mar. 22, 2010—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–449.

Mar. 22, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 413–0 (Roll No. 170).

#### H.R. 4810—Continued

Mar. 23, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5145 Apr. 27, 2010

Sponsor: McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]

Cosponsor(s): Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU]—5/6/2010; Donnelly, Joe [D-IN-2]—5/12/2010

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the continuing professional education reimbursement provided to health professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Apr. 27, 2010—Introduced in House.

May 20, 2010—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–489.

May 25, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 413–2 (Roll No. 294).

May 26, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5360 May 20, 2010

Sponsor: Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]

Cosponsor(s): Boozman, John [R-AR-3]—5/20/2010\*; Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]—9/28/2010; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—7/20/2010

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

May 20, 2010—Introduced in House.

Sept. 28, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–626.

Sept. 28, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. Sept. 29, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5630 June 29, 2010

Sponsor: Boozman, John [R-AR-3]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for qualifications for vocational rehabilitation counselors and vocational rehabilitation employment coordinators employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

June 29, 2010—Introduced in House.

Sept. 28, 2010—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–627.

Sept. 28, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by voice vote.

Sept. 29, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5953 July 29, 2010

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs a Women Veterans Bill of Rights and to display in each prosthetics and orthotics clinic of the Department an Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights, and for other purposes.

July 29, 2010—Introduced in House.

Nov. 30, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. Dec. 1, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5993 July 30, 2010

Sponsor: Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]

Cosponsor(s): Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]—9/28/2010; Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]—7/30/2010\*; Garamendi, John [D-CA-10]—8/10/2010; Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—7/30/2010\*; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—9/28/2010; Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]—7/30/2010\*; Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]—9/28/2010; Titus, Dina [D-NY-3]—8/10/2010

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that beneficiaries of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance receive financial counseling and disclosure information regarding life insurance payments, and for other purposes.

July 30, 2010—Introduced in House.

Sept. 28, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–628.

Sept. 29, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 358–66 (Roll No. 552).

Sept. 29, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6132 Sept. 15, 2010

Sponsor: Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Cosponsor(s): Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]—9/15/2010\*; Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]—9/28/2010; Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD]—9/15/2010\*; Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]—9/15/2010\*; Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]—9/15/2010\*; Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]—9/28/2010; Welch, Peter [D-VT]—9/28/2010

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a transition program for new veterans, to improve the disability claim system, and for other purposes.

Sept. 15, 2010—Introduced in House.

Sept. 28, 2010—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111–630.

Sept. 28, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. Agreed to by voice vote. Sept. 29, 2010—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

<sup>\*</sup> Original cosponsor.

# PASSED BILLS

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Measure	Initial Passage
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S. 3162	March 26, 2010
S. 3860	December 4, 2010
S. 3447	December 13, 2010

# HOUSE

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H.R. 1037	October 7, 2009
H.R. 1377	December 18, 2009
H.R. 4360	April 19, 2010
H.R. 4505	September 20, 2010
H.R. 4667	September 22, 2010
H.R. 3219	September 29, 2010

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111–81	S. 423	H.R. 1016, H. Res. 804	October 22, 2009
111–97	S. 475,	H.R. 1182	November 11, 2009
111–98	S. 509		November 11, 2009
111–137	S. 404	H.R. 1377	February 1, 2010

Public Law	Related Senate Bill(s)	Related House Bill(s)	Date Enacted
111–156		H.J. Res. 80	April 7, 2010
111–163	S. 1963, S. 252, S. 597, S. 801	H.R. 2342, H.R. 919, H.R. 2722, H.R. 2770	May 5, 2010
111–164		H.R. 4360	May 7, 2010
111–246	S. 1450	H.R. 4505	September 30, 2010
111–247	S. 407, S. 3107	H.R. 4667, H.R. 1513	September 30, 2010
111–275		H.R. 3219, H.R. 2379	October 13, 2010
111–339	S. 3860	H.R. 6496, H.R. 6503	December 22, 2010
111–377	S. 3447	H.R. 5933, H.R. 6430	January 4, 2011

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Public Law	Related Senate Bill(s)	Related House Bill(s)	Date Enacted
110–45	S. 229	H.R. 474	July 5, 2007
110–110	S. 479	H.R. 2219, H.R. 327	November 5, 2007
110–111	S. 423	H.R. 1284	November 5, 2007
110–112	S. 1026	H.R. 1808	November 8, 2007
110–117		H.R. 2546	November 15, 2007
110–118		H.R. 2602	November 16, 2007
110–145		H.R. 2408	December 21, 2007
110–156	S. 1585	H.R. 366	December 26, 2007
110–157	S. 1163	H.R. 797, H. Res. 855	December 26, 2007
110–168	S. 1396	H.R. 4143	December 26, 2007
110–181		S. 1233 (provisions derived from)	January 28, 2008
110–252		S. 22 (provisions derived from)	June 30, 2008
110–292		H.R. 4289	July 30, 2008
110–302		H.R. 2245	August 12, 2008
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110–324	S. 2617, S. 423	H.R. 5826	September 24, 2008
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110–387	S. 2162	H.R. 4053	October 10, 2008
110–389	S. 3023, S. 3299, S. 3376		October 10, 2008
110–410		H.R. 1594	October 14, 2008

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111-37 June 30, 2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes. S. 407

Senate Reports: 111–24

June 10, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate June 23, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House

111-81 Oct. 22, 2009

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1016

House Reports: 111–171

June 23, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House

Aug. 6, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Oct. 8, 2009—Resolving differences—House actions: House agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment pursuant to H. Res. 804.

Oct. 13, 2009—Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment by Unanimous Consent.

111–97 Nov. 11, 2009

A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

S. 475

Senate Reports: 111-46

Aug. 4, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Nov. 11, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House

111-98 Nov. 11, 2009

A bill to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.

S. 509

July 15, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate Nov. 2, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House

111–137 Feb. 1, 2010

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1377

House Reports: 111-55

Mar. 30, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House Dec. 18, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate

111–156 Apr. 7, 2010

Recognizing and honoring the Blinded Veterans Association on its 65th anniversary of representing blinded veterans and their families.

Mar. 23, 2010—Passed /agreed to in House

Mar. 26, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate

111–163 May 5, 2010

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

Nov. 19, 2009—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Apr. 21, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House

Apr. 22, 2009—Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment by Unanimous Consent.

111–164 May 7, 2010

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California, as the "Major Charles Robert Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center." H.R. 4360

Mar. 25, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House

Apr. 19, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate

111-246 Sept. 30, 2010

To enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.

H.R. 4505

June 30, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House

Sept. 20, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate

111-247 Sept. 30, 2010

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2010, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4667

House Reports: 111–452

Mar. 22, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House

Sept. 22, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate

111–275 Oct. 13, 2010

An act to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3219

House Reports: 111-223

July 27, 2009—Passed/agreed to in House

Sept. 28, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Sept. 29, 2009—Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments. Agreed to by voice vote.

111-339 Dec. 22, 2010

A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

S. 3860

Dec. 4, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate Dec. 16, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House

111-377 Jan. 4, 2011

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 3447

Senate Report: 111-346

Dec. 13, 2010—Passed/agreed to in Senate Dec. 16, 2010—Passed/agreed to in House

# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF PUBLIC LAWS—110th Congress

110–45 July 5, 2007

A bill to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

S. 229

April 12, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate June 25, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House

110–110 November 5, 2007

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans. H.R. 327

House Reports: 110-55

March 21, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House Sept. 27, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Oct. 23, 2007—Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment.. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays (2/3 required): 417–0 (Roll No. 987).

110–111 November 5, 2007

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

H.R. 1284

House Reports: 110-56

March 21, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House Oct. 18, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

110–112 November 8, 2007

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

H.R. 1808

Oct. 23, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House Oct. 31, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

110–117 November 15, 2007

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

H.R. 2546

June 25, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House Nov. 1, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

110–118 November 16, 2007

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility."

H.R. 2602

June 25, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House Nov. 7, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

110–145 December 21, 2007

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the "Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

H.R. 2408

Oct. 23, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House Dec. 13, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

110–156 December 26, 2007

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

H.R. 366

June 25, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House Dec. 19, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

110–157 December 26, 2007

An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve lowvision benefits matters, matters relating to burial and memorial affairs, and other matters under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 797

House Reports: 110-57

March 21, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House

Nov. 2, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Dec. 11, 2007—Resolving differences—House actions: House agreed to Senate amendment with amendments pursuant to H. Res. 855.

Dec. 17, 2007—Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendments (text and title) to Senate amendment by Unanimous Consent.

110–168 December 26, 2007

A bill to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

S. 1396

Dec. 13, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate Dec. 19, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House

110–292 July 30, 2008

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Euripides Rubio Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

H.R. 4289

June 24, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House July 11, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate

110–302 August 12, 2008

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Wenatchee, Washington, as the Elwood "Bud" Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

H.R. 2245

June 26, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House Aug. 1, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate

#### 110–304 August 12, 2008

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Miami, Florida, as the "Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

H.R. 4918

June 26, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House Aug. 1, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate

#### 110–324 September 24, 2008

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify increases in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans that were effective as of December 1, 2007, to provide for an increase in the rates of such compensation effective December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

S. 2617

Senate Reports: 110–430

July 30, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate Sept. 10, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House

#### 110–332 September 30, 2008

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Alpena, Michigan, as the "Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

S. 2339

Dec. 13, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate Sept. 17, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House

#### 110–387 October 10, 2008

A bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2162

Senate Reports: 110-281

June 3, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Sept. 24, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House

Sept. 27, 2008—Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the bill by Unanimous Consent

#### 110-389 October 10, 2008

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 3023

Senate Reports: 110–449

May 15, 2008—Introduced in Senate

Sept. 16, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate

Sept. 24, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House

Sept. 27, 2008—Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the bill by Unanimous Consent.

### HEARINGS AND MEETING SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

- **January 14, 2009.** Hearing: Nomination of General Eric K. Shinseki to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- **January 28, 2009.** Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations of The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans of America.
- **February 10, 2009.** Meeting: The Committee conducted a poll of its members to adopt the Committee's rules and budget for the 111th Congress.
- **February 11, 2009.** Hearing: Review of Veterans' Disability Compensation: What Changes are needed to improve the Appeals Process?
- **February 24, 2009.** Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.
- February 26, 2009. Hearing: Caring for Veterans in Rural Areas.
- March 5, 2009. Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Blinded Veterans Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Wounded Warrior Project.
- March 10, 2009. Hearing: FY 2010 Budget for Veterans' Programs.
- March 12, 2009. Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations of AMVETS; Air Force Sergeants Association; Fleet Reserve Association; Non Commissioned Officers Association; Military Order of the Purple Heart; The Retired Enlisted Association; Military Officers Association of America; National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; and Vietnam Veterans of America.
- March 18, 2009. Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations of Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- March 25, 2009. Hearing: State-of-the-Art IT Solutions for VA Benefits Delivery.
- **April 1, 2009.** Hearing: Nomination of W. Scott Gould to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Nomination of L. Tammy Duckworth to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- April 2, 2009. Meeting: The Committee met off the Senate Floor and voted on the nomination of Scott Gould to be Deputy Secretary of VA.

- **April 20, 2009.** Meeting: The Committee met off the Senate Floor and voted on the nomination of L. Tammy Duckworth to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- April 22, 2009. Hearing: Pending Health-Related Legislation.
- April 29, 2009. Hearing: Pending Benefits-Related Legislation.
- May 6, 2009. Hearing: Pending Nominations.
- May 12, 2009. Meeting: The Committee met off the Senate Floor and voted on the nomination of Willie Gunn to be General Counsel of VA; Roger Baker to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology; Jose Riojas to be Assistant Secretary for Operations, Security and Preparedness; John U. Sepúlveda to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources.
- May 21, 2009. Meeting: Committee markup of a Committee Print of S. 252, Veterans Health Care Authorization Act of 2009; the Committee Print of S. 407, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009; S. 423, Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009; S. 475, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act; S. 669, Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act; the Committee Print of S. 728, Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act of 2009; and the Committee Print of S. 801, Caregiver and Veterans Health Services Act of 2009.
- June 10, 2009. Hearing: Oversight on VA's Construction Process.
- June 24, 2009. Hearing: Oversight of VA Quality Management Activities.
- June 29, 2009. Field Hearing held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Philadelphia VA Medical Center Terminated Cancer Treatment Program.
- July 14, 2009. Hearing: Women Veterans: Bridging the Gaps in Care.
- **July 22, 2009.** Hearing: Nomination of Raymond M. Jefferson to be the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training and Joan M. Evans to be the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional and Legislative Affairs.
- **July 29, 2009.** Hearing: Veteran's Disability Compensation: Forging a Path Forward.
- **August 3, 2009.** Meeting: The Committee met off the Senate Floor and voted on the nomination of Ray Jefferson to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.
- **August 20, 2009.** Field Hearing held in Omaha, Nebraska: The Challenges of an Aging VA Medical Center.
- August 25, 2009. Field Hearing held in Oahu, Hawaii: VA Outreach to Returning Guard Units.

- **August 26, 2009.** Field Hearing held in Jessup, Georgia: Providing Care for Rural Veterans: Community-Based Outpatient Clinics.
- **September 10, 2009.** Joint Hearing: Legislative Presentation of The American Legion.
- **September 17, 2009.** Hearing: Review of Veteran's Disability Compensation: Benefits in the 21st Century.
- September 30, 2009. Hearing: VA's Contracts for Health Services.
- October 8, 2009. Hearing: VA/DOD Response to Certain Military Exposures.
- October 21, 2009. Hearing: Pending Health and Benefits Legislation.
- **November 5, 2009.** Hearing: VA and Indian Health Services Cooperation.
- **November 18, 2009.** Hearing: Easing the Burdens through Employment.
- **December 9, 2009.** Hearing: The Nomination of Robert A. Petzel, MD, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Raul Perea-Henze, MD, MPH, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning.
- **December 16, 2009.** Meeting: The Committee met off the Senate Floor and voted on the nomination of Robert A. Petzel, MD, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- January 7, 2010. Field Hearing held in Maui, Hawaii: State of VA Services in Maui.
- January 28, 2010. Meeting: To consider the Nomination of Raul Perea-Henze, MD, MPH, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning; and Committee markup of the Committee Print of S. 1237, Homeless Veterans and Other Health Care Authorities Act of 2010; and the Committee Print of an original bill (became S. 3378 upon introduction), Examination of Exposures to Environmental Hazards During Military Service and Health Care for Camp Lejeune and Atsugi Naval Air Facility Veterans and Their Families Act of 2010.
- **February 16, 2010.** Field Hearing held in Anchorage, Alaska: Services for Veterans in Alaska.
- **February 17, 2010.** Field Hearing held in Fairbanks, Alaska: Services for Veterans in Alaska.
- February 26, 2010. Hearing: FY 2011 Budget for Veterans' Programs.
- March 2, 2010. Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations of Disabled American Veterans.
- March 3, 2010. Hearing: Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevention for Veterans.
- March 4, 2010. Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Blinded Veterans Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, and Wounded Warrior Project.

- March 9, 2010. Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations of Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- March 18, 2010. Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives:

  To Receive the Legislative Presentations of AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, and Fleet Reserve Association.
- March 24, 2010. Hearing: VA's Plan for Ending Homelessness among Veterans.
- **April 5, 2010.** Field Hearing (Cambridge, OH): Benefits and Services for Veterans in Appalachia.
- **April 21, 2010.** Hearing: Implementation of the New Post-9/11 GI Bill—Looking Back and Moving Forward.
- May 5, 2010. Hearing: TBI: Progress in Treating the Signature Wound of the Current Conflicts.
- May 19, 2010. Hearing: Pending Legislation.
- June 16, 2010. Hearing: VA Health Care in Rural Areas.
- **July 14, 2010.** Hearing: Review of Veterans' Claim Processing: Are Current Efforts Working?
- July 21, 2010. Hearing: Improvements to the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- August 5, 2010. Meeting: Committee Markup of S. 3107, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2010; the Committee Print of S. 3234, Veterans Employment Assistance Act of 2010; the Committee Print of S. 3325, Veterans Telehealth and other Care Improvements Act of 2010; the Committee Print of S. 3447, Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010; the Committee Print of S. 3517, Claims Processing Improvement Act of 2010; S. 3609, a bill to extend the temporary authority for the performance of medical disability examinations by contract physicians for the Department of Veterans Affairs; and the Committee Print of an original bill (became S. 3765 upon introduction), to amend title 38, U.S.C., to improve Servicemember Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance and to modify the provision of compensation and pension to surviving spouses of veterans in the months of the deaths of the veterans, and for other purposes.
- **September 22, 2010.** Joint Hearing with the House of Representatives: To Receive the Legislative Presentations of the American Legion.
- **September 23, 2010.** Hearing: VA Disability Compensation: Presumptive Disability Decision-Making.
- October 6, 2010. Hearing: VA's IT Program—Looking Ahead.
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- EC-325.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program and Other Miscellaneous Issues" (RIN2900–AM67) on January 5, 2009.
- **EC-400.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund.
- EC-869.—A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "USERRA Quarterly Report to Congress; First Quarter of FY 2009."
- EC-870.—A communication from the Acting Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "USERRA Quarterly Report to Congress; First Quarter of FY 2009;" to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-980.—A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the status of a report relative to the need for and feasibility of a mental health scholarship program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1008.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act of 2007" (RIN2900–AN03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1009.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Phase-In Period for Full Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans Disability Compensation Based on a VA Determination of Individual Unemployability" (RIN2900–AN19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1145.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-9/11 GI Bill" (RIN2900–AN10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-1171.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Posttraumatic Stress Disorder" (RIN2900–AN04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1507.—A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "USERRA Quarterly Report to Congress; Second Quarter of FY 2009;" to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1551 .—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Per Diem for Veterans in State Nursing Homes" (RIN2900–AM97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1633.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Headstones and Markers" (RIN2900–AN29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1634.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumptive Service Connection for Disease Associated with Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: AL Amyloidosis" (RIN2900–AN01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1635.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of Enrollment in the VA Health Care System" (RIN2900–AN23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1730.—A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reimbursement for Interment Costs" (RIN2900–AM98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-1787.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Headstone and Marker Application Process" (RIN2900–AM53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1985.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pension Management Center Manager" (RIN2900–AN22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1986.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Severance Pay, Separation Pay, and Special Separation Benefits" (RIN2900–AN25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-1987.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program" (RIN2900–AN00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-2068.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation relative to the Department of Veterans Affairs major facility construction projects and major facility leases for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-2239.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program-Duty to Assist" (RIN2900–AM91) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-2240.—A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Preauthorization of Durable Medical Equipment" (RIN2900–AM99) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-2300.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs-Hospital Care and Medical Services in Foreign Countries" (RIN2900–AN07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-2525.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Requirements for Prior Signature Consent and Pre-and Post Test Counseling for HIV Testing" (RIN2900–AN20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-2744.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Compensation and Pension Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Service Connection for Osteoporosis for Former Prisoners of War" (RIN2900–AN16) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-2745.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medication Prescribed by Non-VA Physicians" (RIN2900-AL68) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-2746.—A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Third Quarterly Report from the Attorney General to Congress; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-3263.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Assistance to Eligible Individuals in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing; Cost-of-Construction Index" (RIN2900–AN26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-3264.—A communication from the Senior Advisor for Regulations, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payments to Beneficiaries Residing in Vietnam and Cambodia and Other Conforming Changes" (RIN0960-AG62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-3626.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Service Connection for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (RIN2900–AN05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-3854.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance-Dependent Coverage" (RIN2900–AN39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-3963.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Residential Care Program" (RIN2900–AM82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4142.—A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fourth Quarterly Report from the Attorney General to Congress; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4300.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications" (RIN2900–AN50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4301.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program-Periods of Eligibility" (RIN2900–AM84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4302.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program-Basic Entitlement; Effective Date of Induction into a Rehabilitation Program; Cooperation in Initial Evaluation" (RIN2900–AN13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4303.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program-Self-Employment" (RIN2900–AN31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4771.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Center for Veterans Enterprise, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA-Veteran-Owned Small Business Verification Guidelines" (RIN2900–AM78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-5068.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation: Supporting Veteran-Owned and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses" (RIN2900–AM92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-5491.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Home Facilities-Update of Authorized Beds" (RIN2900–AM70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-5492.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of 38 CFR 1.17 to Remove Obsolete References to Herbicides Containing Dioxin" (RIN2900–AN56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-6171.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayment for Medications" (RIN2900–AN50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-6172.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayment for Medications After June 30, 2010" (RIN2900–AN65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-6233.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Cemetery Grants" (RIN2900–AM96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-6300.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Elimination of Redundant Regulations" (RIN2900–AN71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **EC-6539.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Veterans Benefit Programs Improvement Act of 2010;" to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-6569.—A communication from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stressor Determination for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder" (RIN2900–AN32), received during adjournment of Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-6900.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation relative to ending homelessness among Veterans and establishment of a nonprofit research and education corporation at the VA's central office; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7238.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Revisions to Conform with the Veterans' Mental Health Care Act of 2008 and Other Laws" (RIN2900–AN52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7239.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disenrollment Procedures" (RIN2900–AN76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7240.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deceased Indebted Servicemembers and Veterans: Authority Concerning Certain Indebtedness" (RIN2900–AN14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7241.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diseases Associated with Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents (Hairy Cell Leukemia and Other Chronic B Cell Leukemias, Parkinson's Disease and Ischemic Heart Disease" (RIN2900–AN54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7539.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Assistance to Eligible Individuals in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing" (RIN2900–AM87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 16, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7572.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specially Adapted Housing and Special Home Adaption" (RIN2900–AN21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-7573.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumptions of Service Connection for Persian Gulf Service" (RIN2900–AN24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7618.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to authorization of appropriations for major facility construction projects for fiscal year 2011 and major facility leases for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7739.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compensation for Certain Disabilities Due to Undiagnosed Illnesses" (RIN2900–AN68) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7740.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charges Billed to Third Parties for Prescription Drugs Furnished by Veterans Affairs to a Veteran for a Nonservice-Connected Disability" (RIN2900–AN15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7898.—A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program" (RIN2900–AN53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-7899.—A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report to Congress relative to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-8131.—A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Responding to Disruptive Patients" (RIN2900–AN45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-8502.—A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payments for Inpatient and Outpatient Health Care Professional Services at Non-Departmental Facilities and Other Medical Charges Associated with Non-VA Outpatient Care" (RIN2900–AN37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS—Continued

- **EC-8395.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- POM-84.—A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee urging the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to accept Rhea County's proposed donation of its old hospital building, facilities, and campus to the VA and to utilize such building, facilities, and campus to locate a VA medical facility at such site; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **POM-119.**—A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to prioritize Utah for the construction of another veterans' nursing home; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- **POM-137.**—A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging Congress to expedite the processing of all claims for payment, and the distribution of checks to Filipino veterans under ARRA; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **POM-144.**—A resolution from the Legislature of Rockland County, New York urging Congress to pass the Veteran Employment Assistance Act of 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- POM-146.—A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging Congress to pass House Resolution 5879, which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Services of the United States in the Kingdom of Laos from 1961 to 1975; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

#### March 11, 2009

PN174-111

W. SCOTT GOULD, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

March 11, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.

April 1, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.April 2, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

April 2, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

April 2, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 60. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

April 3, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### March 16, 2009

PN186-111

LADDA TAMMY DUCKWORTH, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs )

March 16, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 1, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. April 20, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

April 20, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

April 20, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 61. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

April 22, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### April 2, 2009

PN272-111

JOHN U. SEPÚLVEDA, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources.)

April 2, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 6, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. May 12, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

May 12, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

May 12, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 135. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

May 18, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### April 20, 2009

PN329-111

JOSE D. RIOJAS, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Security, and Preparedness.)

April 20, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 6, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. May 12, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

May 12, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

May 12, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 136. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

May 18, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### April 20, 2009

PN330-111

WILLIAM A. GUNN, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

April 20, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 6, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. May 12, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

May 12, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

May 12, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 137. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

May 18, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### April 20, 2009

PN331-111

ROGER W. BAKER, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology.)

April 20, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### April 20, 2009—Continued

May 6, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.May 12, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

May 12, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

May 12, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 138. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

May 18, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### June 3, 2009

PN527-111

RAYMOND M. JEFFERSON, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

June 3, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

June 8, 2009—By unanimous consent agreement, joint referral to HELP and VA.

June 8, 2009—Referred jointly to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Committee on HELP by unanimous consent.

July 22, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.August 3, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

August 3, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

August 4, 2009—Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported favorably.

August 4, 2009—Reported by Senator Dodd for Senator Kennedy, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without printed report.

August 4, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 378. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

August 7, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### June 23, 2009

PN647-111

JOAN M. EVANS, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional

and Legislative Affairs.)

June 23, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 22, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.August 7, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

August 7, 2009—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### Nov. 09, 2009

PN1156-111

RAUL PEREA-HENZE, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning.)

November 9, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

December 9, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

January 28, 2010—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

January 28, 2010—Reported by Senator Akaka, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

January 28, 2010—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 655. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 19, 2010—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

#### November 18, 2009

PN1199-111

ROBERT A. PETZEL, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department Of Veterans Affairs.

November 18, 2009—Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

December 9, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

December 16, 2009—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

December 16, 2009—Reported by Senator Akaka, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

December 16, 2009—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 627. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

February 11, 2010—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

# AUTHOR INDEX OF SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

#### Daniel K. Akaka

#### **Sponsor**

- S. 252 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 404** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.
- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 514** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 728 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes.
- S. 734 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas and to improve the provision of health care to veterans in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 919** A bill to amend section 1154 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the additional requirements for consideration to be afforded time, place, and circumstances of service in determinations regarding service-connected disabilities.
- S. 1310 A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

- **S. 3348** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of documents that express disagreement with decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals and that are misfiled with the Board within 120 days of such decisions as motions for reconsideration of such decisions, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3367** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pension for disabled veterans who are married to one another and both of whom require regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3368** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain individuals to sign claims filed with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on behalf of claimants, and for other purposes.
- S. 3370 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which an individual files jointly for social security and dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 3378 An original bill to authorize health care for individuals exposed to environmental hazards at Camp Lejeune and the Atsugi Naval Air Facility, to establish an advisory board to examine exposures to environmental hazards during military service, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3499** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require fiduciaries of individuals receiving benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to authorize the Secretary to obtain financial records with respect to such individuals for purposes of administering such laws, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for disability compensation filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3609** A bill to extend the temporary authority for performance of medical disability examinations by contract physicians for the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- **S. 3765** An original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance and to modify the provision of compensation and pension to surviving spouses of veterans in months of the deaths of the veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3953** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide benefits for children with spina bifida of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era outside Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. Res. 33** An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### Daniel K. Akaka—Continued

#### Cosponsor

S. 3377 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes.

#### John Barrasso

#### Cosponsors

**S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

#### **Max Baucus**

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 3035** A bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- S. 226 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Havre, Montana, as the Merril Lundman Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.
- **S. 402** A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.
- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 734 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas and to improve the provision of health care to veterans in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas and to improve the provision of health care to veterans in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.

- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### Evan Bayh

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 1779** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1452** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.
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- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### Mark Begich

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 3325** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, and for other purposes.

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- **S. 543** A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.

#### Mark Begich—Continued

- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 658 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1204** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1495 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- S. 1798 A bill to provide for the automatic enrollment of demobilizing members of the National Guard and Reserve in health care and dental care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### Michael F. Bennet

#### Sponsor

- **S. 691** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southern Colorado region, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

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- **S. 3902** A bill to deem references to Operation Iraqi Freedom in provisions of Federal law providing benefits for service in the Armed Forces to include references to Operation New Dawn.

#### Robert F. Bennett

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#### Jeff Bingaman

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#### Christopher S. Bond

#### **Sponsor**

S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

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#### Scott P. Brown

#### Cosponsor

- S. 3860 A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.
- **S. Res. 451** A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### **Sherrod Brown**

## **Sponsor**

- **S. 793** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.
- **S. 1607** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain rights and benefits for persons who are absent from positions of employment to receive medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes.

#### Sherrod Brown—Continued

- **S. 3314** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia, and for other purposes.
- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 362** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 543 A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1118 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1204 A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1450** A bill to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.
- S. 1495 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of

- using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes
- S. 3082 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3583** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.

#### Sam Brownback

#### Cosponsors

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 669** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1204** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.

#### Jim Bunning

#### Cosponsors

**S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

#### **Richard Burr**

#### **Sponsors**

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- **S. 498** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize dental insurance for veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 669** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- S. 1015 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance disability compensation for certain disabled veterans with difficulties using prostheses and disabled veterans in need of regular aid and attendance for residuals of Traumatic Brain Injury, and for other purposes.
- S. 1016 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the commencement of the period of payment of original awards of compensation for veterans who are retired or separated from the uniformed services for disability.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- **S. 3377** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### Cosponsors

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 402** A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.
- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3359** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- S. 3860 A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

#### **Roland Burris**

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 263** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.
- **S. 404** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.
- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 514 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 543 A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- **S. 658** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1155 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.
- S. 1204 A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision

#### Roland Burris—Continued

- of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1452** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- S. 3377 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes.
- S. 3389 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt individuals who receive certain educational assistance for service in the Selected Reserve from limitations on the receipt of assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for additional service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3486** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

#### Robert C. Byrd

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
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- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1779** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

#### Maria Cantwell

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
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- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
- S. 3035 A bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

#### Benjamin L. Cardin

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 3718** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that beneficiaries of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance receive financial counseling and disclosure information regarding life insurance payments, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

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- **S. 3860** A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

#### Thomas R. Carper

#### Cosponsor

**S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

#### Robert P. Casey

#### **Sponsor**

- **S. 263** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3330** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

**S. 315** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 658** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

#### Saxby Chambliss

#### Cosponsor

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#### **Tom Coburn**

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
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#### **Thad Cochran**

#### Cosponsor

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- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 669** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### Susan M. Collins

#### **Sponsors**

**S. 1155** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.

#### Cosponsors

- S. 402 A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.
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- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

- **S. 3583** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.
- S. 3860 A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

#### **Kent Conrad**

#### Cosponsor

- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
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- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

### Christopher A. Coons

#### Cosponsor

- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- S. 3447 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- S. 3860 A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

#### **Bob Corker**

**S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

#### John Cornyn

#### **Sponsor**

- **S. 669** A bill to provide for the construction by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a full service hospital in Far South Texas.
- S. 2751 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Medical Center.

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1450** A bill to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.

#### Mike Crapo

#### **Sponsor**

S. Res. 340 A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 669** A bill to provide for the construction by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a full service hospital in Far South Texas.
- S. 3035 A bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.

#### Jim DeMint

#### Cosponsor

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#### Christopher J. Dodd

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- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
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#### Byron L. Dorgan

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 1779** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.

**S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

#### **Richard Durbin**

#### **Sponsor**

- **S. 246** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes.
- **S. 543** A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.

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- **S. 658.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 793** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1015 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance disability compensation for certain disabled veterans with difficulties using prostheses and disabled veterans in need of regular aid and attendance for residuals of Traumatic Brain Injury, and for other purposes.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- S. 2760 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated

#### Richard Durbin—Continued

- to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- S. 3377 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes.

#### John Ensign

#### **Sponsor**

- S. 347 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to distinguish between the severity of a qualifying loss of a dominant hand and a qualifying loss of a non-dominant hand for purposes of traumatic injury protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.
- S. 1450 A bill to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.
- S. 1784 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that State approving agencies provide timely responses to applications for approval of courses of education and provide justifications for disapproval of courses, to provide for the review of the disapproval of courses by State approving agencies, and for other purposes.
- S. 1785 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require State approving agencies to approve courses of education that have been accredited and approved by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- **S. 669** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- S. 1495 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3860** A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

#### Michael B. Enzi

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 669 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

#### Russell D. Feingold

#### **Sponsor**

- **S. 315** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3356** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1155** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3192** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

#### **Dianne Feinstein**

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 1556** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

### Al Franken

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 1495** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans

#### Al Franken—Continued

with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 1483 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

#### Kristen E. Gillibrand

#### **Sponsor**

- S. 1109 A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes or the benefits, and for other purposes.
- S. 1394 A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and other communications submitted by claimants, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- S. 1940 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study on the effects on children of exposure of their parents to herbicides used in support of the United States and allied military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 1452 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of serviceconnection of disabilities.
- S. 1495 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1556** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3583** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.

#### **Lindsay Graham**

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
- **S. 669** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- S. 1495 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

#### **Chuck Grassley**

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 669 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- **S. 772** A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

#### Chuck Grassley—Continued

- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1204** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- **S. 3325** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 3875 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

#### Gregg Judd

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 239** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.
- S. 475 A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

#### Kay Hagan

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 3389** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt individuals who receive certain educational assistance for service in the Selected Reserve from limitations on the receipt of assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for additional service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.

- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

#### Tom Harkin

#### Cosponsor

- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 1155** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.
- **S. 1204** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
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- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

#### Orrin G. Hatch

#### Cosponsor

**S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

#### **Kay Bailey Hutchison**

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 543 A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans

#### Kay Bailey Hutchison—Continued

- and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 699** A bill to provide for the construction by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a full service hospital in Far South Texas.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 2751 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Medical Center.
- S. 3875 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

#### James M. Inhofe

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
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- S. 669 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- **S. 3860** A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.
- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### Daniel K. Inouye

#### **Sponsor**

S. 68 A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.

#### Cosponsor

- S. 1155 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### Johnny Isakson

- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
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- S. 1015 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance disability compensation for certain disabled veterans with difficulties using prostheses and disabled veterans in need of regular aid and attendance for residuals of Traumatic Brain Injury, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1204** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1495 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1518** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

#### Mike Johanns

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 746** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1427** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2769** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3355** A bill to provide for an Internet Web site for information on benefits, resource, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### Tim Johnson

#### Cosponsor

**S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- **S. 543** A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1118 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1547** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3035** A bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### Edward E. Kaufman

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- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### Edward M. Kennedy

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 263** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

#### John F. Kerry

#### **Sponsor**

- S. 842 A bill to repeal the sunset of certain enhancements of protections of servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay mortgage holders unpaid balances on housing loans guaranteed by Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1444 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of serviceconnection of disabilities.
- **S. 1866** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.
- **S. 2096** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.
- **S. 3118** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that monetary benefits paid to veterans by States and municipalities shall be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of pension benefits paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

#### Cosponsor

- **S. 362** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1556** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.
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- S. 3583 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.
- S. 3860 A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

#### **Amy Klobuchar**

#### **Sponsor**

- S. 1483 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."
- S. 2769 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3355** A bill to provide for an Internet Web site for information on benefits, resource, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, and for other purposes.

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 543** A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- S. 1752 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson's disease.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

## Amy Klobuchar—Continued

S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

#### Kohl Herb

# Cosponsor

- **S. 1118** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

#### Mary L. Landrieu

#### Cosponsor

- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 1495 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.
- S. 1780 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

# Frank R. Lautenberg

# Cosponsor

**S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the

- rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

# Patrick J. Leahy

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 543** A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 1547** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1556** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

# Patrick J. Leahy—Continued

- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

## George S. LeMieux

# Cosponsor

- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### Carl Levin

# Cosponsor

S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

# Joseph I. Lieberman

## **Sponsor**

S. Res. 115 A resolution recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in helping wounded veterans live more independent lives, expressing gratitude to The Tower of Hope, and supporting the goals and ideals of creating a Tower of Hope Day.

# Cosponsor

- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
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- S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability

- and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1204** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1452 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of serviceconnection of disabilities.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- S. 3860 A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

#### Blanche L. Lincoln

## **Sponsor**

- **S. 1118** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- S. 3875 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

- **S. 402** A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.
- S. 407 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- S. 543 A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

# Blanche L. Lincoln—Continued

- **S. 658** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
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- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3192** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 340 A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

# Richard G. Lugar

# Cosponsor

- S. 1779 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 340 A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

# **Mel Martinez**

## Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
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#### Claire McCaskill

#### Sponsor

- **S. 1467** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide coverage under Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for adverse reactions to vaccinations administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3860** A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

# Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 658** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3162** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

## Mitch McConnell

## Sponsor

- **S. 1302** A bill to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provisions of health care services, and for other purposes.
- S. 1493 A bill to designate the current and future Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Robley Rex Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

## **Robert Menendez**

# Cosponsor

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
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# Jeff Merkley

## Cosponsor

- **S. 362** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 658 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
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- S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1779** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1939** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
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- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collectivebargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

# Barbara A. Mikulski

- **S. 362** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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- Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
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- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

# Lisa Murkowski

## Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 669** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

# **Patty Murray**

#### **Sponsor**

- S. 509 A bill to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 977 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1204** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- S. 3583 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 362** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 3355** A bill to provide for an Internet Web site for information on benefits, resource, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for disability compensation filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

## **Bill Nelson**

## Cosponsor

- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 1518 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage

# Benjamin E. Nelson

# Sponsor

S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals

- who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. 746** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri.

## Cosponsor

- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

# Mark L. Pryor

# **Sponsor**

S. 1531 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, and for other purposes.

# Cosponsor

- S. 362 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 658 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
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# Jack Reed

# Sponsor

**S. 1547** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.

- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
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# Jack Reed—Continued

Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.

- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

# Harry Reid

# Cosponsor

- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

#### James E. Risch

## Cosponsor

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- **S. 669** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- S. 3035 A bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- S. Res. 340 A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

## **Pat Roberts**

#### Cosponsor

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# John D. Rockefeller

#### **Sponsor**

**S. 362** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

- S. 347 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to distinguish between the severity of a qualifying loss of a dominant hand and a qualifying loss of a non-dominant hand for purposes of traumatic injury protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.
- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1779** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
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- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3486** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

# John D. Rockefeller-Continued

- **S. 3517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for disability compensation filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 340 A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

#### **Bernard Sanders**

#### **Sponsor**

- S. 820 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the automobile assistance allowance for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 821 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, and for other purposes.
- S. 1752 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson's disease.
- **S. 1753** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for disabled veterans who are temporarily residing in housing owned by a family member, and for other purposes.
- S. 1798 A bill to provide for the automatic enrollment of demobilizing members of the National Guard and Reserve in health care and dental care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

## Cosponsor

- **S. 315** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 362** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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- rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
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- S. 3583 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.

# Charles E. Schumer

## **Sponsor**

**S. 1452** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- S. 543 A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- S. 597 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 2760** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
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# Charles E. Schumer—Continued

- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
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#### **Jeff Sessions**

# Cosponsor

- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 669 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

#### Jeanna Shaheen

## **Sponsor**

**S. 239** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.

# Cosponsor

- **S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
- S. 543 A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1168** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
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S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

#### Richard C. Shelby

# Cosponsor

**S. 475** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

# Olympia J. Snowe

#### Sponsor

**S. 402** A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- S. 801 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 977** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1668** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1780** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
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# Olympia J. Snowe—Continued

- **S. 3359** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
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# **Arlen Specter**

# **Sponsor**

- **S. 3192** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.
- S. 3286 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the award of grants to State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to veterans with their submittal of claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes.

#### Cosponsor

- S. 362 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 3330** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

# **Debbie Stabenow**

- **S. 252** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
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- S. 3447 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### Jon Tester

# **Sponsor**

- S. 226 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Havre, Montana, as the Merril Lundman Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.
- **S. 658** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3352** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3902** A bill to deem references to Operation Iraqi Freedom in provisions of Federal law providing benefits for service in the Armed Forces to include references to Operation New Dawn.

# Cosponsor

- S. 407 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1155** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.
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- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
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# John Thune

#### **Sponsor**

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#### Mark Udall

# Cosponsor

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# **Sheldon Whitehouse**

# Cosponsor

- **S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

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- S. Res. 451 A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

# Ron Wyden

# **Sponsor**

- **S. 1427** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1429** A bill to establish a commission on veterans and members of the Armed Forces with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, or other mental health disorders, to enhance the capacity of mental health care providers to assist such veterans and members, to ensure such veterans are not discriminated against, and for other purposes.
- S. 3082 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.

- **S. 263** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.
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- S. 1780 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
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- **S. 3875** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

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- **S. 402** A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.
- **S. 404** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.
- **S. 407** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 820** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the automobile assistance allowance for veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 919** A bill to amend section 1154 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the additional requirements for consideration to be afforded time, place, and circumstances of service in determinations regarding service-connected disabilities.
- S. 977 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.
- S. 1015 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance disability compensation for certain disabled veterans with difficulties using prostheses and disabled veterans in need of regular aid and attendance for residuals of Traumatic Brain Injury, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1016** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the commencement of the period of payment of original awards of compensation for veterans who are retired or separated from the uniformed services for disability.
- **S. 1109** A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes or the benefits, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1118** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1394 A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and

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- S. 1752 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson's disease.
- **S. 3107** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3118** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that monetary benefits paid to veterans by States and municipalities shall be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of pension benefits paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- **S. 3192** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.
- S. 3286 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the award of grants to State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to veterans with their submittal of claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes.
- S. 3348 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of documents that express disagreement with decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals and that are misfiled with the Board within 120 days of such decisions as motions for reconsideration of such decisions, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3352** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 3356 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3359** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and

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- **S. 3367** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pension for disabled veterans who are married to one another and both of whom require regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.
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- S. 3370 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which an individual files jointly for social security and dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3499** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require fiduciaries of individuals receiving benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to authorize the Secretary to obtain financial records with respect to such individuals for purposes of administering such laws, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for disability compensation filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3609** A bill to extend the temporary authority for performance of medical disability examinations by contract physicians for the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- **S. 3801** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3902** A bill to deem references to Operation Iraqi Freedom in provisions of Federal law providing benefits for service in the Armed Forces to include references to Operation New Dawn.

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- S. 509 A bill to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Walla Walla Washington, and for other purposes.
- **S. 699** A bill to provide for the construction by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a full service hospital in Far South Texas.
- **S. 1531** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, and for other purposes.

#### **CEMETERY**

- **S. 691** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southern Colorado region, and for other purposes.
- **S. 746** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska western Iowa and northwest Missouri.
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# **EDUCATION**

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- S. 1784 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that State approving agencies provide timely responses to applications for approval of courses of education and provide justifications for disapproval of courses to provide for the review of the disapproval of courses by State approving agencies, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1785** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require State approving agencies to approve courses of education that have been accredited and approved by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, and for other purposes.
- **S. 2769** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training, and for other purposes.
- S. 3082 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation education or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3171** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- **S. 3389** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt individuals who receive certain educational assistance for service in the Selected Reserve from limitations on the receipt of assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for additional service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3447** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes..

# **EMPLOYMENT**

- **S. 263** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1607** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain rights and benefits for persons who are absent from positions of employment to receive medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes.

# **EMPLOYMENT—Continued**

- S. 3234 A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- S. 3486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes.

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- S. 1940 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study on the effects on children of exposure of their parents to herbicides used in support of the United States and allied military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3953** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide benefits for children with spina bifida of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era outside Vietnam, and for other purposes.

## **HEALTH CARE**

- S. 239 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.
- **S. 246** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes.
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- **S. 1450** A bill to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.
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- S. 3162 A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
- **S. 3325** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3330** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3583** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase flexibility in payments for State veterans homes, and for other purposes.

# HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING

- S. 842 A bill to repeal the sunset of certain enhancements of protections of servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage fore-closures to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay mortgage holders unpaid balances on housing loans guaranteed by Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1237** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
- S. 1547 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department

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- of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
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- S. 3377 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of rehabilitation of or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes.

# **INSURANCE MATTERS**

- S. 347 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to distinguish between the severity of a qualifying loss of a dominant hand and a qualifying loss of a non-dominant hand for purposes of traumatic injury protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.
- **S. 498** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize dental insurance for veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 728** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes.
- S. 821 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1467** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide coverage under Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for adverse reactions to vaccinations administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3718** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that beneficiaries of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance receive financial counseling and disclosure information regarding life insurance payments, and for other purposes.

#### MEMORIALS AND RECOGNITIONS

- S. 68 A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II
- S. 663 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- **S. Res. 115** A resolution recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in helping wounded veterans live more independent lives, expressing gratitude to The Tower of Hope, and supporting the goals and ideals of creating a Tower of Hope Day.
- S. Res. 340 A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.
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# MENTAL HEALTH

- S. 669 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
- S. 772 A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
- **S. 1429** A bill to establish a commission on veterans and members of the Armed Forces with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, or other mental health disorders, to enhance the capacity of mental health care providers to assist such veterans and members, to ensure such veterans are not discriminated against, and for other purposes.

#### NAMING VA FACILITIES

- S. 226 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Havre, Montana, as the Merril Lundman Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.
- S. 1483 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria Minnesota as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."
- S. 1493 A bill to designate the current and future Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville Kentucky as the "Robley Rex Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."
- S. 2751 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring Texas as the George H. O'Brien Jr. Department of Veterans Medical Center.

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- **S. 1155** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health.
- S. 1310 A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010 and for other purposes
- **S. 1556** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3314** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia, and for other purposes.
- **S. 3355** A bill to provide for an Internet Web site for information on benefits, resource, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, and for other purposes.
- S. 3875 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.